

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP)

By purchasing gift certificates to your favorite food or retail chains from Lansing Christian, you can actually credit your tuition account with 3 to 14% of the certificate's value at no additional cost to you. The details of the program are outlined below in question and answer format.

What is the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program?

It is a volunteer run school program in which families purchase certificates through Lansing Christian to shop at major grocery and retail stores. The stores sell the certificates to the school at a discount through a representative. The school sells the certificates at face value to participating families and credits the participating family's tuition account with the profit.

Which stores participate?

Some of the stores participating include Kroger, Home Depot, Speedway, Wendy's, Celebration Cinema, Barnes and Noble, L & L Food Center, Smokey Bones, Payless Shoes, and Marriot Hotels.

How do I purchase TRIP certificates?

TRIP participants receive an order form which must be completed and returned to one of the schools on a given morning before 8:15 a.m. A check payable to LCS-TRIP for the full amount of your purchase must be included in the envelope (cash is not accepted). TRIP orders will be available for pick up on a given day at a designated time at the school building at which you placed your order. TRIP orders can be picked up personally or you can sign a disclaimer releasing Lansing Christian from responsibility and have your order sent home with one of your children.

Are there restrictions on what can be purchased with the certificates?

No. They are the same as cash; you can buy anything in the store that you would normally buy with a check, cash, or credit card. You may also use store or manufacturer coupons as you usually do. Some stores will allow you to use gift certificates to pay charge account statements.

What are the benefits of the program to Lansing Christian?

Lansing Christian itself benefits only indirectly from the TRIP program. We receive an additional 1% from each of the merchants which will be used for program operational expenses, with the balance being applied annually to the general Tuition Assistance fund. The families whom we serve, however, can benefit greatly from the program, and this is the reason that we are participating. Families who participate in TRIP may encourage grandparents, neighbors and friends to purchase TRIP certificates designated towards their own account. Lansing Christian also maintains a Tuition Assistance account for needy families to which Lansing Christian supporters can designate the TRIP credits if they do not have children enrolled. We will also establish accounts for families whose children have not yet reached school age so that they can begin to accumulate tuition credits towards their future enrollment.

Who may participate?

Registration for TRIP is open to parents, grandparents, school association members, and anyone in the community who wishes to participate and designate the tuition account of a presently enrolled or future family (their own or another family's) or to the school's general Tuition Assistance fund.

Who runs the program? A team of volunteers under the leadership of a TRIP Coordinator makes the TRIP program work for all of us. The program demands lots of volunteer involvement in collecting orders, distributing coupons, and returning order envelopes.

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Registration Form

To register for the TRIP program, please complete the form below and return it the Lansing Christian Main Office listed below ATTN: TRIP Program.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Please direct my credit to:

_____ My personal tuition account, tuition number _____.

_____ Family of _____, tuition number _____.

_____ The General Tuition Assistance Fund.

My method of certificate pick-up will be (mark one):

_____ Parent pick up _____ Student take home

Please read and complete this section if you elected to have your child take home your gift certificates.

I (we) authorize the TRIP Committee to release my TRIP certificates to my child to take home. I will not hold Lansing Christian School or the TRIP Committee responsible for any lost, stolen, or misplaced certificates as a result of my child's actions.

Student's Name _____ Teacher's Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

I have read, understood, and will abide by the general policies of the TRIP program

Signature _____ Date _____