



## TRIP FAQ's

### What is TRIP?

TRIP is a tuition rebate incentive program offered by the Great Lakes Scrip Center. Through TRIP, gift/merchandise certificates (SCRIP cards) are purchased from participating food and retail stores at a discount. These certificates are sold at face-value to families who participate in the program, and twice a year the discount (accumulated rebates) is *paid back to the family* for applying toward their tuition, or to use in any way they choose. Our Lady of the Valley Regional School *does not* apply the rebates to the family's tuition.

### Why should I become involved in the TRIP program?

The beauty of TRIP is that you put your regular household dollars to work. You can earn money for yourself without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with SCRIP cards at the stores that participate in the program! These retailers are doing something very generous for OLV and other non-profit organizations.

### What's the catch?

The catch- if there is one- is that you have to plan your purchases a little bit ahead of time! That's it!

### How does TRIP work?

A TRIP account is set up for you based on your last name. Other family members or friends may order certificates on your order form *or* by registering for their own account with the earnings directed to your family account.

### When do I receive the rebates from my TRIP purchases?

Twice per year: December and June.

### Where are the TRIP forms and mailbox located?

The TRIP registration forms, order forms, and mailbox are located in the OLV school office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The forms are also available on the Parent's Guild page of the website, [ourladyofthevalleyregionalschool.com](http://ourladyofthevalleyregionalschool.com).

### How do I order?

A TRIP registration form must be filled out before you can place an order. Orders can be placed by using paper forms, email or online. Please see #4 in **Policies & Procedures** for complete information. All orders, no matter which procedure is used, must be submitted **to the TRIP coordinators by noon on Tuesday**.

### How much money could I earn?

There have been families who earn \$50 to \$2000+ per year based on how they utilize the program.

**Is there a limit to the amount that I can order?**

No. There is no minimum or maximum amount that can be ordered. We could have families order thousands of dollars with an order (home improvement, airline tickets, appliance purchases, vacations, etc.)!

**Are the merchants listed on the order form the only ones available?**

No. You may log on to the SCRIP website at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) (OLV code: 81DLDELE9552) to find the most current list of retailers. If you wish to order from a retailer not listed on the regular order form, you may add the name of the retailer, the discount percentage, and the dollar amount on a regular order sheet.

**Do changes ever occur with the TRIP program?**

Yes. Some retailers will quit the program. New retailers are added. Discount percentages change. Retailers will often run "specials" and increase their % discounts around the holidays!

**Can there be delays in receiving the gift cards that I purchased?**

Sometimes there can be delays. Christmas is a busy time and some certificates can often be backordered and/or sold out. It is not wise to wait until the last TRIP order date before Christmas to place your order! Shop early! Also, rarely, there can be a delay with the FedEx delivery of the order to the school.

**Can gift certificates be returned?**

No. The certificates are purchased on your behalf and cannot be returned.

**Are TRIP certificate purchases tax deductible?**

No, they are not tax deductible because you received dollar for dollar value.

**Who do I contact if I have questions regarding the SCRIP program?**

You may contact the OLV Parent's Guild Officers/TRIP Committee members.