

T. R. I. P. Program Information



What does TRIP stand for? Tuition Reduction Incentive Program

How does TRIP reduce my tuition?

The TRIP program purchases bulk quantities of gift certificates and gift cards from various merchants. The certificates/cards are then sold to participating families at face value, with a rebate being passed on to individual accounts in the form of a tuition credit. The school family will receive 75% of the rebate while the remaining 25% will be retained to cover the costs of the program.

How much could I actually save on my tuition with TRIP?

EXAMPLE:		Spent Monthly	Savings
Food:	Giant Eagle	\$ 500	\$15.94
Gas:	Speedway	\$ 200	\$ 6.38
Dinners:	Bob Evans	\$ 50	\$ 3.38
Gifts:	Malley's	\$ 40	\$ 5.70
Entertainment:	Hyatt Hotels	\$ 200	\$ 12.38
Clothes:	GAP	\$ 60	\$ 5.85
Personal:	Bath & Body	\$ 40	\$ 3.60
Household:	Home Depot	\$ 100	\$ 3.38
	Kohl's	\$ 100	\$ 3.19
	Macy's	\$ 100	\$ 6.75
TOTALS ==>		\$1,390	\$66.55

Annual savings credited to your account:

\$598.95

(\$66.55 x 75% x 11 months)

How do I get started?

1. Go to www.TRIPNORTHLLC.com to register and create your student(s) TRIP account(s) using your email address and password. Then login and Add Your TRIP Account.
2. Each week by 7:00 am Monday, select the gift card, denomination and quantity of each card that you want to order by using our handy search feature, choosing a brand from the menu.
3. Once your order is complete, review your order in the shopping cart and confirm your order. Enter your checking account information on our secure process page (for added security, your information is never retained in our system). Filled order(s) will be available Friday during normal office hours.**
4. Order(s) may be sent home with your child or picked up from the school office. You will receive an envelope with the gift cards you ordered, and a label showing the TRIP credit you have earned as well as the total unpaid credits.

* Order received after the 7:00 a.m. Monday cut off will be processed the following week.

** In the event of a closing, orders will be available the next open school day.

Pick up your filled order at school after 9am, Friday of the same week.

Call all your family and friends and see if they would be willing to use TRIP

gift cards for their purchases to further increase your savings potential! TRIP gift cards do not expire and can be used by friends and family out of state at the appropriate vendors. Give them your TRIP Account number and ask them to link to it when they sign-up the first time. Their savings will be applied to YOUR tuition account!

How do I use the gift cards?

The gift cards are considered like cash and cannot be replaced, so be careful! We highly recommend that you copy the backs of the cards and pin numbers upon receipt. If your gift cards are lost or stolen, it is not possible to reissue them. However, if you have the numbers TRIP will attempt to try to get them replaced. VCA and the TRIP program managers will not be held responsible for lost or misplaced gift cards.

Gift cards retain any remaining balances and do not expire.

Kohl's is the only store that will let you pay off your credit card bill with the "Kohl's Cares For Kids" gift cards purchased only through TRIP! Please do not attempt to pay off any other credit card bills with TRIP gift cards.

How will I actually receive my tuition credit money?

VCA will credit your tuition bill for your earnings (which reduces your tuition bill) on your January and June FACTS statement.

Registrants may direct their tuition credits to their own personal account, the account of another family, or to the VCA Financial Aid Fund. Participants may receive additional credit by placing orders for relatives, friends, or co-workers. Credit may only be used toward your tuition costs. If your student leaves the school for any reason, your tuition credit dollars may be credited to your outstanding tuition balance, or to the VCA Financial Aid Fund. Written notice of where funds should be credited must be received within 60 days of the child leaving school or the funds will be transferred to the VCA Financial Fund.

Are there any additional costs?

Any non-sufficient fund payment will incur a fee of \$25.00. The fee will have to be paid or deducted from your TRIP earnings before the next order can be submitted.

Why can't I use a credit card to pay?

Unfortunately, credit card transaction fees would eat up all of the savings.

Disclaimers:

Each time you check out you may select who will be responsible for picking up your order. This electronic designation is your disclaimer of responsibility. Gift card orders will only be released to your child if this is selected at time of check-out.

If you elect to send your order home with your student, you still have the option of picking up your weekly order yourself.

You may have your filled order sent home with another student or adult so long as you have selected this at time of check-out.

Whenever gift cards are released, they must be signed for by a student, yourself, or another adult.

Please be aware of the risk involved in sending gift cards or home with students. Neither the VCA nor TRIP managers, will accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or misplaced gift cards/gift cards, and they will not be replaced.

If you have any questions please contact our Business Office Assistant, [Mrs. Lesley Gatten](#), ext 317.