

INTRODUCTION TO TRIP

Southwest Christian High School is pleased to offer TRIP, an acronym for **T**uition **R**eduction **I**ncentive **P**rogram, to the families and friends of SW. TRIP is a program designed to help families earn money while they shop. It utilizes scrip or substitute money in the form of gift cards that can be used just like cash.



Scrip is issued by over 300 local and national merchants to purchase every day products like groceries, fuel, clothing, and other essentials. Merchants rebate a portion of every purchase back to Southwest. Rebates range from 2-15% or more in size. Thousands of private schools utilize scrip programs.

The first 50% of each merchant rebate is given directly back to the participant. The participant chooses how to receive or apply this rebate with the choices being a cash refund, a credit towards tuition or a deductible donation to the SW Tuition Assistance Fund. The remaining 50%, less program expenses, goes directly into the SW Tuition Assistance Fund.

Anyone in the community can participate, including current SW families, future SW families, grandparents, alumni and friends. Participants designate their TRIP earnings to the account of a presently enrolled family, a future family, SW's Tuition Assistance Fund or can take it in cash.

There is no cost to participate in the program. The cards supplied by TRIP are the stores' actual gift cards. They are the same as cash; you can buy anything in the store that you would normally buy with cash, check, or credit card. Some stores will allow you to use certificates to make payments on charge accounts.

Getting started is easy. Please refer to the FAQ page on this website for step by step instructions.

SW TRIP is a volunteer run program. If you have an interest in volunteering a few hours a month to the program, please let us know.

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