

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (T.R.I.P.)

Registration Form

Please SIGN and RETURN this form with your first gift card order (ALL who participate in the TCS T.R.I.P. Program)

NAME: _____ () TCS Parent

E-Mail: _____ Phone# _____

Please direct my earnings to: (choose only one)

() My personal tuition account

() Tuition Assistance Fund

() Other TCS Family: _____

Friends of TCS: (no children enrolled in TCS) may direct their earnings to:

() TCS Tuition Assistance Fund

() Family Name: _____

Comment: _____

Future Families Only: Complete this part if first child is not yet enrolled at TCS.

Projected date of enrolment: _____

Child's name: _____

*All donation information will be kept private and confidential.

I have read, understand and will abide by the policies of T.R.I.P.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please read and complete this section if gift cards may be sent home with your TCS child.

I (we) authorize the TRIP Committee to release my gift cards to my child to take home. I will not hold Trenton Christian School of the TRIP Committee responsible for any lost, stolen or misplaced gift cards.

Student's Name _____ Classroom/Teacher _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (T.R.I.P.)

The TRIP program is being offered by TCS as an opportunity for parents to reduce the cost of their tuition.

Simply explained, you buy gift cards from TCS -that we have purchased in large quantities at a slightly reduced price.

In the past TCS (general budget) made a percentage from every gift card sale.

Under the TRIP program *you* will benefit *directly* from *your* gift card purchases.

Groceries	\$100/week x 4 =	\$400/month
Gas		\$150/month
Clothes/Entertainment		\$50/month
Dining out/Coffee		\$50/month
**Sell to Family/Neighbours		\$350/month

Total \$1,000/month x 12 months = \$12,000/year

*An average gift card yields a 5% return (see full percentage chart)

*An average family would earn \$600.00 each year to be divided as follows:

80% or \$480.00 goes to the family who earned it

20% or \$120.00 goes to the TRIP operating costs /TCS Tuition Assistance Fund

(to be reviewed annually)

****Family, friends and businesses may help you reduce your tuition by purchasing gift cards and directing *their* earnings toward *your* account!**

*The percentage earned for each participating family will be held by TCS voucher committee and credited to your tuition account twice yearly. Graduating families may deduct their earnings from their last cheque to TCS.

Ideas to Reduce Tuition via TRIP

Option #1 (average TCS family)

Groceries \$100/week x 4 = \$400/month

Gas \$150/month

Clothes/Entertainment \$50/month

Dining out/Coffee \$50/month

**Sell to Family/Neighbours \$350/month

Total \$1,000/month x 12 months = \$12,000/year @ 5% equals \$600.00

80% or \$480.00 goes to the family who earned it

20% or \$120.00 goes to the TRIP operating costs /Tuition Reduction/Assistance

Option #2 (selling option only) *Sell to family, business, neighbours etc.

Sell to Parents \$200 /month

Sell to Sibling \$200 /month

Sell to Neighbour \$100 /month

Total \$500.00/month x 12 months = \$ 6,000/year @ 5% equals \$300.00

80% or \$240.00 goes to the family who earned it

20% or \$60.00 goes to the TRIP operating costs /Tuition Reduction/Assistance

How much is possible? Option #3

Below is an (current) example of a TCS family who is participating in our 2009-2010 gift card program. Fast forward to a total of 12 months and this is how much *could be reduced* from their tuition costs:

TCS parents.....\$8306.00 (groceries/gas/other retailers)

Their business.....\$5400.00 (buying gas)

Grandparents.....\$5685.00 (groceries/other)

Total.....\$19,391.00 @ 5% equals \$969.55

80% or \$775.25 taken off tuition (20% or \$194.00 to TCS)

***An average gift card yields a 5% return (see full percentage chart)**

T.R.I.P.

Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan

- The T.R.I.P. program is being offered by TCS as an opportunity for parents to reduce the cost of their tuition.
- Simply explained, you buy gift cards from TCS at face value that we have purchased in large quantities at a slightly reduced price.
- In the past the proceeds from gift card sales went to the TCS general budget. Under the TRIP program *you* will benefit *directly* from your gift card purchases or sales.
- An average gift card yields a 5% return (see new order form attached for complete percentage chart).
- With the TRIP program 80% of gift card sales will go to the family that earned it and 20% goes towards TRIP operating costs (with any proceeds being transferred to a chosen school fund).
- Initially each participating family will be asked to fill out a form (see attached) and they will be assigned an account number. On the form you will need to indicate if you want the proceeds to go towards your own tuition, someone else's tuition or into a designated fund. Account information will be sent to you periodically.
- Family, friends and businesses may also help you reduce your tuition by purchasing gift cards and directing *their* earnings towards *your* account.
- The percentage earned for each participating family will be held by TCS and credited to your tuition account yearly. Graduating families may deduct their earnings from their last cheque to TCS.
- Families planning for the future education of their children at Trenton Christian School can also earn tuition credits. TCS will hold the amount of tuition credits earned until the child is enrolled in the school.
- At no time will any cash be paid out. If a family does not have a student returning the following school year any tuition credits left in the account will remain with Trenton Christian Schools and transferred to a chosen school fund.

IDEAS!

What can I use gift cards for?

- Birthday and Anniversary Gifts (give a gift card (many restaurant cards are available) or use a card when buying a present.
- College/University Students *love* to be sent back to school with a grocery or gas gift card (**No Frills lets you buy groceries AND gas with 1 card!**).
- Students/Teens can be given \$10 or \$25 Subway/Wendy's/Tim Horton's for quick lunches/dinners *on the go!*
- Travelling for Work? Vacation? Hockey/Soccer? Always have a handy Tim Horton's card.
- Say *Thank-You* to coaches, bus drivers, babysitters...with a \$10 Tim Horton/Rogers/Movie/Chapters cards...
- GROCERIES...(need I say more?) buy No Frills, Metro, Independent, Price Chopper, Sobeys, Valu-Mart, IGA, Foodland, Giant Tiger, M & M Meat Shops.
- Dinner OUT! Buy Applebees/East Side Mario's/Casey's/The Keg/Kelsey's/Harvey's/Swiss Chalet/Red Lobster/Jack Astor's/Olive Garden/Wendy's/Subway/Pizza Pizza
- GAS Gift Cards can be used for your weekly fill-ups! Canadian Tire/No Frills/ESSO/UltraMar/Petro-Canada.
- AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS, gas and all store items can all be purchased using a Canadian Tire gift card.
- MOVIES *Out OR In...*Galaxy Cinemas/Famous Players as well as Roger's and Blockbuster.
- CLOTHING stores: American Eagle/The Gap/Old Navy/Zellers/Sears/Mark's Work Warehouse/The Bay/Sport Chek/Winners
- ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS and renovators: Rona/Home Hardware/Home Depot/Canadian Tire/Staples *larger denominations available.
- Make \$\$ faster! High Percentage Cards include: Chapters and Applebees 10%, Winners/Homesense and Jack Astor's/The Keg 8%, Town Shoes/Shoe Company 7%, Running Room 7%, Roger's Video/Blockbuster 7%, Mark's WW 7%, LaSenza 7%, The Gap/Old Navy 7%, Pizza Pizza and Red Lobster 7%.