



Oskaloosa Christian School

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program 2025

TRIP is simply a word that means “substitute money” – in other words, TRIP is gift cards/certificates from local and national retailers. TRIP retailers agree to sell their gift cards/certificates to Oskaloosa Christian School at a discount. TRIP families buy the certificates for full face value and redeem them for full face value. The discount goes directly into the account you specify on your registration form. For example: Hy-Vee offers a 5% rebate on gift cards. If you buy a \$100 card, that would be a \$5 rebate. To cover expenses such as paper, postage, etc., our TRIP program keeps 17% of all rebates. So, for instance, of the \$5 rebate from Hy-Vee, we would keep \$0.85. That means the remaining \$4.15 would go into your TRIP account.

TRIP Program Policies

- 1) You will be asked to re-register at the beginning of each year to ensure our information is current.
- 2) OSCI offers TRIP as a promotion for the education of students at a Christian school. You may have your proceeds applied:
 - * To your account balance (i.e. tuition, lunch, band, sports fees)
 - * To more than one school (i.e. OSCI & PCHS)
 - * Donated to up to 4 families of your choice
 - * Donated to the Tuition Assistance Fund at OSCI
 - * Donated to Willing Workers
 - * Saved for future enrollment
- 3) The way your account is set up to be applied cannot be changed during the school year.
- 4) TRIP orders are due Monday by NOON. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED!** Pickup will be on Friday from noon to 3 p.m.
- 5) TRIP orders will be processed according to the schedule posted in the Chronicles.
- 6) Each purchaser needs to sign up for their own account to assure clarity in our record keeping.
- 7) All checks should be made payable to OSCI TRIP. The checks are non-tax deductible because you receive dollar for dollar value.
- 8) **Cash & Carry ORDERS ARE IN PERSON ONLY! Orders brought in by children will not be accepted.**
- 9) TRIP certificates/cards are just like cash. Once your order is picked up, you are responsible for lost, stolen or misplaced certificates/cards. Neither OSCI, the TRIP program and its coordinator, nor the retailer will be held responsible.

You can purchase TRIP a couple of ways. One way is through Cash & Carry. These are gift cards from various local businesses that can be purchased via the school office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are sold on a first come, first serve basis. The other way is by placing an online order through the Raise Right website "raiseright.com" or app. For this, you will fill out an order form (available in the racks outside the office) or place your order online through the Raise Right website. This option offers a wider selection of businesses to choose from.

10) When you sign up online you will be given the option to sign up with a bank account or a credit card. Each order has a \$.15 service charge for bank withdrawal or a 2.6% charge for a credit card.

11) The convenience of the website OR app on your smart phone enables you to:

*Reload an existing card while shopping if that store offers that option.

*Use the option of "e-gift card" which allows you, for certain stores, to download a card for immediate use. (i.e. if at Kohl's and don't have a physical card you can purchase an e-gift card)

12) National orders may be sent home with another person (or student) provided you have signed the disclaimer release on the registration form.

13) Your TRIP balance will be used towards Registration fees/tuition fees, lunch fees, band fees and sports fees.

14) The balance of inactive accounts after 2 years will result in a transfer of those remaining funds to the Tuition Assistance account.

15) TRIP certificates/cards are not returnable. Please verify your order before submitting it.

The beauty of TRIP is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. **You earn money for tuition/registration fees without spending a single additional penny.** TRIP can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, gas, or dining out. ***Families who regularly use TRIP can easily earn \$400 or more each year just by purchasing TRIP for groceries and gas. Imagine the potential savings if grandparents, relatives, and friends were contributing to your account!***