
General Information - Missouri Valley Christian Academy SCRIP Program

The School Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (SCRIP) offered by Missouri Valley Christian Academy uses the services of an organization called the Great Lakes Scrip Center in Kentwood, MI (www.glscrip.com). This organization purchases gift cards/certificates in large quantities at a discount from major retail chains. Ordering on your behalf as a non-profit organization MVCA is able to buy these cards/certificates at a discount, sell them at full face value to you, and the difference is credited to your tuition account or the school's general fund. Your rebate ranges from 1.5 to 22 percent. All percentages are subject to change without notice.

Example: There is a 5% discount for Hy-Vee. You purchase a \$100 gift card (which is worth \$100 worth of groceries or gas). MVCA's discounted purchase price is \$95. The \$5 difference is either credited to your tuition bill or the school's general fund.

You don't have to buy anything you wouldn't normally buy. SCRIP is available for your everyday shopping needs such as: groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, dining out, even gasoline! Retailers like SCRIP because it brings a steady flow of customers into their business creating loyal and repeat customers, and they are helping MVCA keep tuition down at the same time.

Family and friends can purchase SCRIP and direct their credit to your family's tuition or the school's general fund. *Everyone wanting to purchase SCRIP must first fill out an enrollment form.* We also encourage anyone who is considering MVCA in the future to begin using the SCRIP program immediately to accumulate tuition for when their child enrolls. With some extra planning and getting others to participate with them, some families have the potential to earn a substantial tuition discount.

With SCRIP everyone wins! The challenge is to think a little different about how you shop. Most of you already know how much you spend each month on groceries or gasoline, the difference is buying your SCRIP certificates/cards in advance so you will have them available at the time of your purchases.

On the order form, we provide a short list of businesses that participate, the type of certificates they offer, and their discounts. However, this is far from all the retailers available. For a complete list of retailers and their current discounts, go to www.glscrip.com.

Generally it will take about a week for cards/certificates to be delivered. To ease into this new program orders will only be taken once per month at first. Later in the school year an additional purchase date may be added to raise orders to twice per month.

Please contact Lauren Nelson with any questions. *Thursday, October 8th* is the first order date. All orders must be placed by 8:30am.