

ECS SCRIP Program Information

The SCRIP program is a great opportunity to reduce tuition costs through your everyday shopping. As a new academic year begins, now is the time to get started. The concept of this program is quite simple. ECS SCRIP program purchases gift cards and checks at a discount. Those gift cards/check are then sold at face value. The difference is your profit! Twice each year (December and May) you will see this profit credited to your family's ECS tuition statement. Some merchants offer a 4% discount, while others offer 10%. Attached is an order form delineating which merchants offer either the four or ten percent discount. Gift cards generally come in \$50 or \$100 increments and may be used at any of the associated stores listed on them.

Community Cash Back certificates (often called Lynden Dollars) come in books of (10) \$10 certificates (a \$100 value) or a single check of \$100. These may be used at the local merchants listed on the booklet cover. A list of participating businesses and any restrictions is on the back of the order form. When you use these certificates keep in mind that no change will be given. You must use the full \$10/\$100 of each certificate. For larger purchases, you may request a merchant specific check. Please contact the ECS SCRIP program coordinator for this, as it needs to be ordered directly from the Lynden Chamber of Commerce. If you are negotiating a price with a merchant (i.e. flooring, furniture, etc.) please inform the business that you intend to pay with Community Cash. Local merchants are trying to be competitive to get your business, but have also already given up a portion of profit by accepting Community Cash Certificates.

SCRIP orders will be filled once each week. Please have your order form and payment to the school office by **noon on Wednesday**. Your gift cards/checks will be available for your child to take home on Thursday, excluding merchant specific checks. These are processed at the Lynden Chamber of Commerce and will be sent home the following Thursday with your child.

Anyone participating in the SCRIP program (including grandparents, etc. that purchase independent of you) must have a current waiver signed if your child will be bringing home their order. A new waiver must be signed each academic year. One is included in this packet.

Grandparents, neighbors, family and friends are welcome to use the SCRIP program on your behalf. Additional order forms and waivers are located in the hallway right outside the school office and on the school website.

This year we will continue to use the current order form/receipt. Thank you in advance for completing both sections of this form. The receipt portion will be returned to you in your order with a receipt number for your records.

Questions about the ECS SCRIP program? Please contact Jayleen Corkill at scrip@ebenezerchristianschool.org