

GL Scrip/Kroger Rewards

2017-2018 School Year

MSBG Tuition Reimbursement Incentive Program (TRIP)

Greetings to New Families and Returning Families!

MSBG is happy to announce its continued participation in 2 tuition rebate programs this year – GL Scrip and Kroger Community Rewards. These programs are available to ALL of our families and we encourage everyone to participate. All rebates from these programs benefit participants directly in the form of a tuition reduction. We encourage you to take the time to get your GL Scrip and Kroger accounts set up. It is a very easy way to earn free money!

GL Scrip Program

GL Scrip (short for Great Lakes Scrip) is an organization in Michigan that sells gift cards to families and friends of not-for-profit schools. Gift cards offered include hundreds of shops, restaurants, and services. (e.g. Meijer, Panera Bread, Home Depot, Walmart, Amazon.com, and many more!) Because the benefit goes to not for profit organizations, these businesses agree to pay a portion of the gift card sales back to the school. Each gift card purchase earns a rebate that is paid directly to the school. **It is your choice whether to use the credit you earn as a tuition reduction or donate it back to the school.** Any rebates donated to the school are fully tax deductible. The percentage rebate varies by store. Last year MSBG families earned several thousand dollars in rebates – you too can be part of that success!

For the 2017-2018 school year, MSBG will be placing GL Scrip orders every week. Ordering is quite easy because you simply log on to your account and request the cards you wish to purchase. Through a secure payment feature called *Presto Pay* (which we require for all of our orders), the payment is taken directly out of your checking account. Orders are due into the system by 8:00am on Monday mornings. The cards you purchased are then available for pickup after 9am on that same Thursday. If you were already registered with GL Scrip this past year, there is no need to re-register. Simply log in and order!

Also, many of the cards are available in e-card format so that you can get them right away. More companies are offering this option every year so be sure to log in to the website to see if the places you shop are available as e-cards or reloadable gift cards. With just a couple of steps, you can earn tuition money through your everyday shopping.

To find out how GL Scrip can help you, log in to www.shopwithscrip.com and get started. You are able to log in as a guest to view the stores and rebates available. Once you are ready to order, you will need to register. Registration instructions are below:

GL Scrip registration instructions

1. Log into www.shopwithscrip.com and click on “Get Started” at the top of the page.
2. Click on “Register”
3. Enter a username, password, and your contact information in the form provided.
4. Enter your e-mail address.
5. Read the terms of agreement and select “I accept.”
6. Enter the following enrollment code for MSBG: **9C4F114515148**
7. **Please note that we only accept Presto Pay as a form of payment for gift cards.**
8. Presto Pay is a direct link to your checking account and debits your checking account when you place an order.
9. To sign up for Presto Pay, click on the Presto Pay link. Please note that it takes a few days to sign up for Presto Pay because it requires verification of two small deposits that will be made in your checking account.
10. On the first page of the Presto Pay page click “I agree”, enter your bank information and follow the verification instructions.
11. Enter your bank information and follow the instructions for verification.
12. Once you are verified, GL Scrip will send you a message that you are required to send to the coordinator. Please send this to cordula.mora@gmail.com. We will need to confirm your association with the school to GL Scrip.
13. Once all of these steps are complete, you are free to shop and fill your shopping cart. When you check out, be sure to use Presto Pay as your form of payment.

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Kroger Community Rewards Program

The Kroger Community Rewards program is a separate program from GL Scrip. Kroger has one big pot of money available to give (\$1.25 million per quarter) and divides that among all of the organizations participating. The more we participate, the bigger percentage we will receive.

Kroger Community Rewards is a very easy program to participate in. It merely requires that you set up an online account at www.kroger.com and register your card to send benefits to Montessori School of BG. Please note that Kroger requires that you re-register your card each year. Enrollment for the new year begins on April 1st. You will need to re-enroll sometime between April 1st and April 30th in order for you to continue receiving full credit for your purchases. For those of you that already have a Kroger online account, please take a few moments to log in and make sure your registration is still active. For those of you wishing to set your card up for the first time, please follow the instructions below:

1. If you don't already have a Kroger Plus card, please see the customer service counter to obtain one.
2. Go to www.kroger.com
3. Sign in to your account or set up a new Account
4. Click on the "Community" tab.
5. If you have registered previously, select "View Your Rewards Details", otherwise follow the instructions to set up a new Rewards account.
6. Enter the MSBG non-profit organization number **80235**, select our school from the list and click "confirm."
7. At the end of each quarter, you will be asked to login and print out your account information which will show the benefit paid to the school on your behalf. This will allow us to credit your tuition account. Due to privacy reasons, Kroger does not provide this information to the school directly. We will send more detailed instructions out in Friday Features each quarter when we are notified that a new contribution has been paid.

Once again, all benefits coming to us from your card are available to you to apply towards tuition or it can be donated to the school if you wish. Donations can be earmarked for specific purposes such as PTO, family scholarships, or items for teachers. If you wish to donate your benefit, please note this in an e-mail to the program coordinator and we will ensure it is done.

To claim your benefit for tuition, you will be asked to print an information sheet from the Kroger website once each quarter. For privacy reasons, Kroger does not provide a detailed statement of the families participating when they make the lump sum payment to the school. The only way for the school to receive this information is from each individual participant. Luckily, it is very easy to access and print the information. We will send out instructions on how to do this each quarter when the payment is received.

I encourage each of you to take a few minutes to login to Kroger's website and register your Kroger Plus card. **You may also want to ask your family and friends to register using the MSBG number.**

Our hope is that all of our families will be able to benefit from the GL Scrip and Kroger programs. Both of these programs offer free money that is there for the taking if you are willing to complete a few easy steps. Happy shopping!

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