

SEAS SCRIP QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Question: What is scrip and how does it work?

Answer: Scrip is a term that means "substitute money." Basically it means gift cards or shopping cards. Non-profit organizations such as SEAS Home and School are able to purchase these cards at a discount and keep the difference as revenue. We partnered with Great Lakes Scrip Center to purchase the scrip cards. If you purchase a \$100.00 scrip card from a retailer that offers a 5% rebate, you will receive a shopping card valued \$100.00. That's just earned a \$5.00 (5%) profit.

Question: How do I get started with scrip?

Answer:

1. Complete a SEAS Scrip enrollment form. Each school has its own enrollment form so make sure it is a SEAS form. The enrollment form lists all the rules and also lets us know how to direct your 50% of the rebate. It must be received before your first order is processed.
2. We suggest that you register with ShopWithScrip.com, which enables you to order scrip online. SEAS's enrollment code is **E4B8D3BL15189**. If you are having difficulty using this enrollment code try it using all lowercase letters.
3. Decide how you would like to pay for your scrip orders. Would you like to use the electronic funds transfer program PrestoPay or would rather send in a check? If you choose PrestoPay you will need to set up a PrestoPay account at ShopWithScrip.com. Instructions for PrestoPay can be found on the ShopWithScrip website. It's a very convenient way to take care of your scrip order and payment!
4. Place your order on ShopWithScrip.com or turn in a paper order form after the weekend masses or by 8:15am Monday morning. If you used shopwithscrip.com , please print your confirmation page and choose your pick up option. Bring your confirmation page along with your check made out to SEAS H&S to the SEAS school office no later than 8:15 a.m. on Monday mornings.
5. Pick up your scrip cards at the SEAS School office, or at the weekend masses.

Question: What is PrestoPay?

Answer: PrestoPay is a program that allows you to pay for scrip on-line at the same time you place your order. With PrestoPay, your payment will be electronically deducted from your checking account. You will not need to send in a check or order confirmation page. (Your SEAS Scrip Enrollment form must be received prior to your first order being processed.) Simply place your order on ShopWithScrip.com, click pay with PrestoPay, and pick up your shopping cards according to the pick-up schedule. Please email the SEAS Scrip Coordinators at verdugos4@sbcglobal.net to let us know if you, your student or someone else will be picking up your scrip order. There is a 39 cent per transaction convenience fee for using PrestoPay. Detailed information and step-by-step instructions for setting up a PrestoPay account are found on the ShopWithScrip website. Setting up a PrestoPay account requires a verification process that may take up to 72 hours. The verification process must be completed before you can use PrestoPay to pay for an order. PrestoPay is optional. You may choose to pay by check.

Question: If I choose to pay by check how do I send in my payment?

Answer: For your first order send your ShopWithScrip order confirmation page or paper order form, a check payable to SEAS H&S and SEAS Scrip enrollment form in an envelope marked "Scrip Order." You or your student can take it to the SEAS office. You will pick up your scrip shopping cards in the school office. They will be in a sealed envelope with a packing slip.

Question: Can I pay for scrip with a credit card?

Answer: No. The fees associated with taking credit cards significantly decrease the profit earned by your order. The only form of payment we are able to accept is a check made payable to SEAS H&S, cash ,or electronic funds transfer through PrestoPay. Cash payments are discouraged.

Question: What happens if I forget to turn in my payment?

Answer: We will not be able to process your order without your payment. In order to process scrip orders and receive scrip card shipments in a timely manner we must adhere to the Monday 8:15 a.m. deadline for payment receipt. Choosing PrestoPay will guarantee your payment is received.

Question: When can I place my order?

Answer: You may place orders anytime. ShopWithScrip.com is available 24 hours a day. Order forms may be turned into the SEAS School office at any time. All orders received will then be processed on the next Monday. If you choose PrestoPay you will pay when placing your order. If you choose to pay by check you do not need to wait until the order processing date to send in your confirmation and payment. In fact it helps us out if you get it in before Monday. If you order on a Wednesday go ahead and send everything in the next day. We will hold your payment securely until the next order processing date.

Question: When may I pick up my scrip order?

Answer: Your weekly scrip order will be available for pick up at the SEAS School office on Thursday or Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30pm. Any orders not picked up during those times will be available at mass on the weekend. This schedule may be modified for holidays. If severe weather results in a delayed shipment (we use FedEx) we will make your order available to you as soon as possible.

Question: Can you mail my scrip to me?

Answer: No. Scrip cards are like cash. The cost of insuring the package would negate the rebate profit.

Question: I would like my order to be sent home with my student. Can this be arranged?

Answer: Yes, but we must have it in writing! Please be aware that scrip cards are like CASH and should be handled accordingly. Once your student receives the scrip cards they are his/her responsibility. SEAS H&S Scrip will not be responsible for scrip cards which are lost, stolen or misplaced once they are delivered to you or your student.

Question: What is this I see about SEAS Scrip Stock?

Answer: In order to make accessibility to Scrip cards even easier, we are trying to keep in stock those items that are frequently purchased. For example, Scrip cards for your groceries, gas, and dining out are available for you to purchase during the week during regular school hours in the school office. Maybe you're headed to the grocery store and know you don't have enough shopping cards to take care of your total. You can stop by the school office and pickup scrip before you head to the store.

Question: Can I use the scrip cards online? Do the scrip cards expire?

Answer: Each retailer has its own usage guidelines. Most are not restrictive, but some have specific guidelines for using that card. For a complete list of retailers and their guidelines visit www.glscrip.com. We encourage you to check out each retailer you shop with before ordering so you won't have any surprises or difficulties using the scrip cards.

Question: I asked a store if they take Scrip, and they said no. Please explain.

Answer: Scrip is just a name for a type of gift card fund raising. We have chosen to use the Great Lakes Scrip Center as our fundraising partner. GLSC contracts with hundreds of national retailers' headquarters to purchase gift cards at a discounted rate. GLSC then sells those gift cards to non-profit organizations such as SEAS at a discount. Most local stores are unaware their corporations have contracted the discount. For the most part, scrip cards purchased through GLSC are the same as gift cards you would purchase locally.

Question: I tried to order scrip for Romano's Macaroni Grill, but I couldn't find them listed on the shopwithscrip.com order page. Why not?

Answer: Some businesses are owned by a parent company that has multiple businesses. If you are looking for a particular chain click on "Retailers" on ShopWithScrip.com and do a search. A search for Romano's Macaroni Grill will tell you to order Chili's Grill and Bar. The Chili's cards are redeemable at Chili's, Macaroni Grill, On the Border, and Maggiano's Little Italy. Another example of a multi card is Old Navy, Gap, Banana Republic, and Piperlime.

Question: There are so many retailers; I hardly know where to start! Suggestions?

Answer: A good place to begin is to look at a paper order form. It lists many of the retailers that are in our area. Another place to start would be to print a list of retailers from the the Great Lakes Scrip website. www.glscrip.com Take a highlighter and a few minutes to sit down and look through all the retailers, highlighting the ones where you shop and eat. You might be surprised how many of your favorite stores, restaurants, hotels, etc. participate with scrip.

Question: Why aren't Auto Magic and Dillon's listed on GLSC?

Answer: We are very fortunate to have locally owned and regional businesses who have generously agreed to participate in our scrip program on a local basis. Currently they are A&B Cycle, Anna Sophia's, Auto Magic-Orman LLC, Cody's Convenience Stores, Dillon's, Harter House, Pasta House, Planet Sub, Price Cutter, Social Suppers, Angel Animal Hospital, and SkinBlends. While they may not appear on the retailer list they are on the ShopWithScrip order site. We thank these businesses for supporting Springfield Catholic Schools!

Question: Last month I purchased Barnes and Noble scrip cards for an 11% rebate. Why is their rebate now 9%?

Answer: Some retailers choose to offer temporary bonus discounts. They may temporarily increase their discount before Mother's Day, summer vacation, back to school, or Christmas. Other changes that may occur are: a retailer changing the denomination of the shopping cards they offer; new retailers join GLSC; or a retailer may stop participating with GLSC. If you would like to stay up to date with these changes you can register for email updates at www.glscrip.com. Click on "What's New" then "Join Email List." By ordering with ShopWithScrip.com the most accurate denominations and rebates will always be listed. Our paper order forms have accurate information at the date they were printed. It does not include bonus percentages that will change after a short time. For paper orders or items purchased from our stock, the percentage at the time of processing on Monday morning will be the rebate received.

Question: Please explain scrip for tuition.

Answer: Effective March 1, 2008 you will have the option of applying one half (50%) of your family's earned scrip rebate towards your family's tuition bill. The scrip fiscal year will run March 1 through February 28. Fifty percent of your family's rebate earned during the fiscal year may be applied toward your family's tuition for the following year. The rebate earned March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009 will apply towards your 2009-2010 tuition.

Question: My child will not be at SEAS next year. What happens to our tuition rebate?

Question: I don't need/want 50% of our family's rebate for our tuition. What are my options?

Answer: You may choose to direct the tuition portion of your rebate to another SCS family, the SEAS Parish fund, or back to SCHS Home and School. If you leave the SCS System for some reason, your rebate earned will remain with SEAS Home and School

Question: I have children at more than one Catholic school. How will scrip work in this situation?

Answer: If you order from SEAS, 50% of the rebate will remain with SEAS Home and School. If you order from one of the other grade schools 50% of the rebate will remain with that school's H&S. You

might choose to alternate ordering between school if you wish to support both Home and School organizations. If you choose to order from more than one school you will need to complete an enrollment form for each school's scrip program. **Regardless from where you order, you can still earn 50% of the rebate for your tuition.** SEAS H&S will send the SCS Central Office your earned rebate total. They will total all rebates from all the schools at the Central Office and will apply it to your tuition bill.

Question: Why should I use scrip?

Answer: Scrip is an easy way to support your children's education and SEAS Parish. This is a NO SELLING fund raiser. Revenue is earned by making regular household purchases you would make anyway. You can reduce your tuition bill or raise money for SEAS Church while making your normal household purchases!

Question: Can my relatives use the scrip program?

Answer: Yes. You can order for them on your account or they can enroll and set up their own account. They will need to complete an enrollment form, register with ShopWithScrip.com and abide by the same usage guidelines as SEAS families. They may choose to direct 50% of their rebate to your tuition (check "Other SCS Family" and fill in name), to the SEAS parish, or to SEAS Home and School. Please understand their scrip order will come to SEAS and will need to be picked up following our pick up schedule.

Question: Does my using scrip really make a difference?

Answer: Yes! Even little orders add up! Wal-Mart only has a 2% rebate, which seems small, but nearly 1/3 of our total rebate earned comes from Wal-Mart.

Question: to my scrip is cancelled or other

Answer: If cancelled on

Number of Families Participating	Average Weekly Purchases	Dollars Raised Annually (5% average)
25	\$100	\$6,500
50	\$100	\$13,000
100	\$100	\$26,000
200	\$100	\$52,000

What happens order if school due to weather emergency? school is Monday we

will process orders on Tuesday and use express shipping so we can adhere to our regular pick up schedule. If school is cancelled on Monday and Tuesday we will go ahead and process orders that we have received and those placed online with PrestoPay on Tuesday. Rarely severe weather may delay receipt of the scrip order. (The scrip cards are shipped from Michigan, then generally to Tennessee, and severe weather in other parts of the country may disrupt FedEx shipments.) In this case we will make every effort to make your scrip order available to you as soon as possible. Don't wait till the last minute to order urgently needed items.

Question: What is your ordering schedule?

Answer: Generally, we will process orders on Monday mornings and have scrip cards ready for pick up on Thursday and Friday. The schedule will be altered for holidays and GLSC scheduled closings.

Questions: I still have questions. Where can I find more information?

Answer: www.ShopWithScrip.com has a Family User Guide that you can download. ShopWithScrip along with www.glscrip.com has a lot of information regarding what's new, FAQ's and retailers. Of course you can always contact a SEAS Scrip Coordinator. Please contact us with your questions.

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