

LEXINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

E-TIP Frequently Asked Questions

What is E-TIP?

The Eagle Tuition Incentive Program is a program set up for families to accumulate credit toward their tuition obligation at LCA. Families purchase prepaid gift cards from local and national retailers. These cards are just like cash. In appreciation for your patronage, these businesses provide discounts between 1.25% and 50% of the face value of the gift card.

How does E-TIP work?

LCA purchases gift cards at a discount from participating retailers, earning an automatic percentage when we sell it back to you at its face value. This difference, between what LCA buys a gift card for and the face value LCA sells it to you for is where the tuition credit is generated.

How will the tuition credit program work?

Your purchases and tuition credit earned will be accumulated from January 1st through December 31st. The accumulated tuition credit will be applied first towards your tuition deposit then the next school year's tuition. You may also choose to receive this tuition credit back as cash. Please inform us in writing by February 1st if you wish to receive your tuition credit back as cash.

Is there a cost to participate in the E-TIP program?

A fee of 2%, but not exceeding \$36.00 will be deducted from each www.shopwithscrip.com account on a yearly basis. In addition, a \$0.15 convenience charge will be assessed by PrestoPay for each electronic payment made to E-TIP through PrestoPay on www.shopwithscrip.com.

Does a LCA tuition credit account earn interest?

An account owner's E-TIP tuition credit account will not earn interest.

What happens if a student with an accumulated tuition credit doesn't attend LCA?

If a situation arises and a student doesn't attend LCA, you may choose to donate the tuition credit you have earned to LCA or receive the tuition credit back as cash.

What if my student is a senior?

In the spring semester of your student's senior year, you can choose to receive your tuition credit from the previous calendar year as cash back or have it applied to your student billing balance for the current school year if you have no younger students at LCA. We will apply it towards your remaining tuition balance unless you notify us otherwise. You may continue to earn tuition credit throughout the calendar year that your student graduates and then receive your tuition credit as cash back the following spring.

Are tuition credits taxable?

No. According to IRS Private Letter Ruling #PLR-118535-09 families do not have to report tuition credit earned as income.

When and where can E-TIP be purchased?

E-TIP orders can be placed online at www.shopwithscrip.com. E-TIP orders will be processed weekly. Orders placed online before 8:00 a.m. each Monday will be ready for pick-up beginning that Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Spirit Store. Pick-up will be in the Central Business Office if the Spirit Store is closed during office hours.

How do I get started?

Step 1 Register online by setting up an account on www.shopwithscrip.com using LCA's enrollment code 76F7DB832L311. When registering, please be sure to enter a student's name in your account information.

Step 2 Set up a Presto Pay account on www.shopwithscrip.com to pay for your purchases. This is the only way LCA accepts payment for gift cards ordered online.

Step 3 Sign an E-TIP agreement form. These are available in the Spirit Store and on www.lexingtonchristian.org under the E-TIP tab in the documents section.

Step 4 Place an order and earn tuition credit!

What if I cannot pick up my E-TIP cards during the Spirit Store's hours?

You may sign a pick-up release form, giving permission to friends, family members or students to pick up your cards for you. Please note that you or anyone picking up cards for you may be asked to show identification.

What method of payment is available?

E-TIP payments are made only by electronic payment from a banking account through the PrestoPay System on www.shopwithscrip.com.

Can other family members purchase gift cards towards my account?

Yes. They can register online and designate your family/student to be credited with the tuition credit.

What are the restrictions for athletes?

Any family with a student who participates in LCA athletics at the High School level can only earn tuition credit from purchases made by immediate family members. This includes parents, step-parents, grandparents, siblings, step-siblings, aunts and uncles. In addition, you must use a personal, not business, banking account to pay for your gift cards.

Can E-TIP gift cards be used in other cities?

Most gift cards may be used nationwide, except those gift cards provided by locally owned businesses or unless otherwise specified.

Do E-TIP certificates expire?

E-TIP gift cards are similar to cash; however, some gift cards have time limitations. Please check with the individual retailer for information.

What if I need to return a gift card I have purchased?

It is possible to return gift cards; however, restocking fees, postage fees and the amount of tuition credit earned through the purchase will be deducted from your refund.

What if I lose my gift cards?

Please treat your gift cards like cash. We do not keep track of individual card numbers, so if you lose a card, we cannot track it or replace it. If you know the gift card number, you may be able to have it replaced by contacting the retailer.

Where can a complete list of participating retailers be viewed?

You may go to www.lexingtonchristian.org and click on the E-TIP tab on Eaglepoint, then look in the documents section to see a complete list of participating local retailers. A list of national retailers is available on www.shopwithscrip.com. You are able to order from any of the listed merchants.

Where can I purchase Kroger gift cards?

Kroger gift cards are available in the Spirit Store, preloaded with \$5.00. Kroger cards can be reloaded at any Kroger. Any Kroger gift card that maintains a zero balance for more than 30 days will be permanently deactivated by Kroger's system.

Where can I see how much tuition credit I have earned?

Log onto your account on www.shopwithscrip.com and go to the reports section. Be sure to select the correct beginning and end dates. Credit earned from Kroger cards will also be on these reports, however, it is not immediately reflected in your total as online purchases are.

Where can I find important announcements regarding the E-Tip program?

After you have logged into your account on www.shopwithscrip.com, look in the announcements section. These announcements are from LCA and will keep you updated on information such as holiday orders and current Kroger card information. You can also go to www.lexingtonchristian.org and click on the E-TIP tab on Eaglepoint.

What if I want to suggest the addition of a local retailer?

Local retailers may be added periodically. Please contact Becky Brass at etip@lexingtonchristian.org or 859-422-5758 with suggestions.

Who can I call with questions?

You may direct your questions to Becky Brass at etip@lexingtonchristian.org or 859-422-5758.