

HSB T.R.I.P.

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program

T.R.I.P. stands for **TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM** and is offered by the HSB to homeschoolers of West Michigan. TRIP is committed to reducing educational costs to homeschooling parents. Certificates/gift cards are sold at face value to families who participate in the TRIP program. The discount that is earned by the TRIP committee is passed on to the participating families who are home educating their children. The HSB retains 25% of your gross profit to cover processing. The amount deposited in each family's tuition account is made available every month and may be used for home schooling expenses at the following programs or services:

- **Home School Bookstore Gift Card**
- **Program fees for classes offered at the HSB (for example; Grace Home School Association, WMHFA, WMHSAA, HPA, HsAP)**
- **Other HSB Fees including: HSB Used Booksale, Everything Sale, Library Fines & Room Rental Costs**
- **Or donate your TRIP earnings to the HSB!**

HOW IT WORKS:

Weekly Orders

You order certificates from HSB TRIP for the participating stores you are expecting to make purchases from. The certificates are then ordered from the store and are available for pick-up within one to two weeks, depending on when you order. For example, a family must place their weekly TRIP order **before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday** in order to pick up their certificates the following Tuesday after 12:00 p.m. All orders placed after Tuesday will take two weeks to be processed.

Instant TRIP

Also available in the HSB Office is Instant TRIP. Many popular certificates are kept on hand and available for immediate purchase. For a complete list check out the Instant TRIP order form. Instant TRIP is available on a first come first serve basis.

All purchases of certificates must be accompanied by a check made payable to: **HSB TRIP**. No cash will be accepted for weekly orders, only for Instant orders. The checks are not tax-deductible because participants receive a dollar for dollar value for their certificate purchase. The back of the checks will be stamped: "HSB TRIP Non Tax-deductible." Please note that the checks are cashed immediately so the purchase of certificates can be made as soon as orders are processed.

About the Certificates

The certificates are the same as cash. Neither HSB, nor the HSB TRIP committee will accept any responsibility for lost or misplaced certificates. You will be required to sign off each time you pick up your certificates. Once you leave the HSB office it will be assumed that the totals were correct when you left.

It is possible that some Department Stores may allow you to use your store credit card to make your purchase, and then use your certificates to pay your store bill. However, be sure to check with the store you shop at to see if you can pay their credit card bill with certificates (i.e. Kohl's). This is important as the HSB TRIP committee cannot give refunds or take back any certificates. The HSB TRIP committee will not reimburse parents for expired certificates, or certificates from vendors that go out of business.

Meijer Community Rewards

Meijer allows you to sign up in the store, online, or by mail. Applications are available in the HSB office. You must be signed up for the HSB TRIP program in order for you MCR earnings to be credited toward your account. If you do not register for the HSB TRIP program your MCR earnings will be a donation to the Home School Building.

Tuition Reimbursement

A TRIP Tuition Reimbursement Request Form must be filled out and returned to the HSB Office. To find out the amount in your account you can either come into the office and check in the back of the TRIP sign-out book or call the office at 532-9422. Once you fill out a Tuition Reimbursement form it will take around a week to fill your request. You may request your funds once a month, at anytime during the month.