

Scrip Info

Free Money for Your Child's School Trip Account

Every Discovery student has the opportunity to travel with DMS to Washington DC in 8th grade and to travel to Europe and/or China during their 7th or 8th grade year.

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What is it?

Scrip is a national fundraising program for non-profit organizations. Over 30,000 different organizations use Scrip; the Discovery PTO has been one of them since 2013. The concept is simple. You purchase gift cards and a rebate is given back. In the 5 years that we've been participating, our DMS families have purchased over \$1,400,000 worth of gift cards and earned \$100,000 in free money!

Sounds too good to be true? No, it's real, and here is why. There are over 700 retailers that sell their gift cards to Scrip at various discounts. You order these gift cards from Scrip at face value, and Scrip gives the designated rebate amount to the nonprofit organization, in our case the PTO. The PTO puts 90% of that rebate into your child's Discovery Trip Account and puts 10% into the PTO fund, and you still receive the full value of the gift card - it's a win-win!

For example:

1. You order a \$100 Martin's gift card from Scrip and pay them \$100 for it.
2. Martin's Supermarket has sold their \$100 gift card to Scrip at a discount.
3. Scrip gives \$4 to the PTO, because Martin's has a 4% rebate
4. The PTO now has \$4. The PTO keeps 10% of that rebate, or \$0.40 and gives the school 90% of that rebate, or \$3.60, to put into your child's Discovery Trip Account.
5. You receive a \$100 Martin's gift card.
6. So, you paid \$100 for a \$100 gift card, but earned \$3.60 in free money!

Ok, so \$3.60 doesn't sound like much money, right?

Well, think of it this way - the average DMS family rebate is about \$33 per month. Here's how that could look:

Retailer (rebate)	Gift Card Amount	Rebate Amount You Earn	Rebate Amount PTO Earns
Martins (4%)	\$400.00	\$14.40	\$1.60
Speedway (7%)	\$100.00	\$6.30	\$0.70
Lowe's (4%)	\$50.00	\$1.80	\$0.20
Chilis (18%, normally 11% but there was a special going on when you ordered)	\$50.00	\$8.10	\$0.90
Under Armour (11%)	\$50.00	\$4.95	\$0.55
Starbucks (7%)	\$20.00	\$1.26	\$0.14
	\$670.00	\$36.81	\$4.09

The DC trip costs approximately \$900, and you just earned over \$35 in free money toward that trip in just one month by paying for your regular purchases with gift cards. At that rate, you'd have the entire trip paid for in 2 years.

What's the catch? There is NO catch! But wait, there's more....

Overwhelmed? Then keep it simple, like this:

Retailer (rebate)	Gift Card Amount	Rebate Amount You Earn	Rebate Amount PTO Earns
Meijer (4%)	\$500.00	\$18.00	\$2.00

Just ordering this one gift card worth \$500 for groceries and household items earns you \$18 - keep reloading it every month when your child starts 6th grade, and you'll have earned over \$600 when your child goes to DC in 8th grade.

Don't want to deal with this every month? Then just do it when you go on vacation! Here's an example:

Retailer (rebate)	Gift Card Amount	Rebate Amount You Earn	Rebate Amount PTO Earns
American Airlines (6%)	\$1,000.00	\$54.00	\$6.00
Hotels.com(6%)	\$200.00	\$10.80	\$1.20
Uber (3%)	\$50.00	\$1.35	\$0.15
Royal Caribbean(13%)	\$2,000.00	\$234.00	\$26.00
	\$3,250.00	\$300.15	\$33.35

Boom! One Scrip order for vacation and you've got \$300 in your child's Trip Account!

How does it work?

There are **3 types of gift cards** you can purchase (note - not every retailer offers all three options):

1. **Physical** - these are just like the gift cards you buy in a store. Generally, the PTO places an order for these twice per month.
2. **Reload** - once you have purchased a gift card from Scrip, some retailers offer the ability to just "reload" that same card. ReloadNow is processed immediately and regular Reloads will be applied to the card within 2 days.
3. **ScripNow** - this is an electronic gift card. ScripNow "e-card" will be available for you to use either within minutes. You will receive an email when your ScripNow e-card is available. It will also show up in your Scrip account online and in your My Scrip Wallet "app" within minutes.

Payment info

1. **PrestoPay** - PrestoPay is a payment directly to Scrip.. Your bank account is linked directly to the Scrip website via a secure ACH connection - the same way you pay bills online. There is a \$0.15 fee per order, but there are several advantages to this option:
 - o You can order a ScripNow or ReloadNow and use it within minutes - like while you are waiting in line to check out!
 - o You can order a regular Reload and it will be applied to your card overnight.

Where Do I Sign Up?

1. Fill out the DMS PTO 5 Minute Form <http://bit.ly/5MinForm> to get email update
2. Register for an account at www.shopwithscrip.com and use this Enrollment Code 35C5F8AD37615
3. Enroll in PrestoPay on the same website (this is the only PTO-accepted method of payment for Scrip orders)
4. Familiarize yourself with the **Scrip Schedule** on the DMS website under "School Info/PTO" to know when orders for physical cards are placed and picked up
5. Fill out this form <http://bit.ly/ScripStudentPickUp> if you'd like your child to be able to pick up your physical card orders at school
6. Read the other Scrip documents (all found on the DMS website) regarding our Policies, FAQs, and Tips to maximize your earnings!

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