

EBENEZER SCRIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

2022-2023 School Year

The SCRIP program is a great opportunity to reduce tuition costs through your everyday shopping. SCRIP is a certificate or gift card issued in place of money. We get cash back from our purchase of SCRIP. It works this way:

- You pay the face value (full value) when you purchase a Lynden Chamber of Commerce Community Cash (Lynden Dollars) Check/Certificate, or a gift card through Ebenezer's SCRIP program.
- When you use the Certificate or gift card, **the business only gets either 90% or 96% of the face value.**
- The remaining percentage, or rebate, is retained by Ebenezer. It is placed in an account that is able to apply a credit to your future tuition.
- The current SCRIP Coordinator is Swandel Ekema.

There is a twice-yearly pay-out. In May and November, we run a report of all your purchases of checks and gift cards, and how much rebate money resulted from your purchases. That amount will be applied to the next tuition statement.

How to Participate

- If you do not have a student at Ebenezer, and are planning to **enroll in the future**, you need to contact the SCRIP coordinator to set up your "Future Eagles" account. The rebates accumulated by "Future Eagles" will be paid out on the November tuition statement in the child's first year at ECS.
 - If you start a "Future Eagles" account and later are not able to enroll your children due to personal choice or class size, the remaining funds in your family account may be designated by you to another family, or as a general donation to the board.
- If you are enrolled at Ebenezer, you may create a SCRIP account by contacting the SCRIP coordinator at SCRIP@ebenezerchristianschool.org.
- ONLINE SCRIP: email onlineSCRIP@ebenezerchristianschool.org (Kaeli DeVries)

Orders: When placing an order, **please fill out the form in its entirety.** A photocopy of the form will be made and sent back to you with your order. **Make sure your name and phone number are on the forms.**

Family Tuition Account: **Please put the names of the parents in this spot (Smith or John Smith if more than one family in the school with the same last name).** This is important especially for your friends or relatives who are placing orders to benefit your account; it helps us make sure the credit goes to the right family.

Your payment must accompany the order form. Place them in the SCRIP folder in the school office **by noon Wednesday.** Orders will be ready for pick up by noon on Thursday, unless specific vendor checks need to be ordered. You can expect to receive the vendor check portion of your order on the following Thursday.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ECS SCRIP. If the unforeseen happens, and a check bounces, you will be responsible for any related bank fees.

VENMO is now an approved payment option. You must pay via Venmo **BEFORE** you turn in your order form. The Venmo account is [@Ebenezer-SCRIP](https://www.venmo.com/@Ebenezer-SCRIP). If you indicate Venmo on the order form, and the money has not been transferred, the SCRIP Coordinator will attempt to contact you via the information on the order form. Your order will be held until payment has been made. (Make sure you put your phone number on the form)

Disclaimers: Anyone sending orders home with a student must have a current **SCRIP Disclaimer on file**. A new disclaimer must be signed each academic year. No disclaimer on file? Then you must pick up orders from the office.

Additional order forms and disclaimer forms are located in the hallway right outside the school office, and on the school website under the parents page.

About Gift Cards

We encourage you to place orders in the first couple weeks of the month whenever possible. We purchase cards from Lynden Christian schools, and their supply dwindles as the month goes on. As a courtesy to them, we should try to order the largest number of cards early in the month. See the order form for the businesses that participate in the program.

*There is a maximum of 5 cards ordered at a time except for Community Cash, Fred Meyer, Food Pavilion, Safeway and WOODS cards. (This is the arrangement negotiated with Lynden Christian, so that we do not deplete their stock.) If you need more than 5 cards, please call the SCRIP Coordinator directly so your order can be negotiated.

About Community Cash Certificates/Lynden Dollars

Community Cash dollars come in booklets of 10 certificates (\$10 each), or \$100 certificates; or you can order a specific amount to be written as a check to a vendor (see "**Specialty Checks**" below). **Four percent** of the face value will be added to your account. **Please see the current list of vendors accepting Community Cash Certificates (also known as Lynden Dollars).** Note that some have restrictions on these types of purchases.

We Appreciate our Cash Back Partners! If you are negotiating a price with a merchant (for flooring, furniture, etc.) please inform the business up front that you intend to pay with Community Cash. **Local merchants have already given up a portion of their profit by accepting Community Cash Certificates.** That's why you must use the full \$10 or \$100 of each certificate; **no change is given.** For larger purchases, you may request a check for a specific merchant, for a specific amount. Other things to keep in mind:

- **Specialty Checks:** All specialty checks should be for more than \$100, as the Community Cash certificates and booklets can be used for purchases of \$100 and under.
- **Lost Checks:** Any lost specialty checks that need to have a stop payment order on them, through the Chamber's bank, will result in a charge of \$35 that will be passed along to you.
- **Plan Ahead!** **Ordering Community Cash (especially Specialty Checks) often takes advance planning on your part.** We often have booklets or certificates on hand to fill orders, but not in large numbers. Large orders may take a week to fill. Specialty checks written for specific amounts to a vendor always take a week to process, and will be ready for pickup with the next week's orders.

Questions about the Program?

Please contact the SCRIP Program Coordinator, Swandel Ekema, SCRIP@ebenezerchristianschool.org. Thank you, I look forward to serving you in the coming school year!

Businesses and retail partners that offer a **four percent (4%)** rebate on purchases made with Community Cash (also known as Lynden Dollars) (some restrictions apply):

- **Ace Hardware** (not on lawnmowers)
- **Among Friends Adult Family Care Home** (up to \$500/mo.)
- **Apple Pediatric Dentistry**
- **Boundary Auto Parts**
- **Burnt Ends BBQ**
- **Capstone Physical Therapy**
- **Cheeks**
- **Carl's Mower**
- **CHS Northwest** (\$100 max at time of sale, not on account)
- **Coconut Kenny's**
- **Colony House Furniture** (\$1,000 limit per customer per invoice)
- **Creative Design Hair and Nails**
- **Dairy Queen**
- **Dave's Sport Shop** (no guns, ammunition, or power equipment)
- **De Wagen Wasserij**
- **Dutch Treat**
- **Eastside Hair**
- **Edaleen Dairy**
- **EXCELeration Driving School**
- **Fairway Café** (up to \$10)
- **Fairway Drug**
- **Farmer's Equipment** (up to \$5,000 on cash sales at time of purchase; not on aging accounts)
- **Fishtrap Creek Interiors**
- **Geoffrey Tupper DDS**
- **Great Clips**
- **Green Barn**
- **Hats Off**
- **Heartfelt Massage**
- **Infinity Dance Co.**
- **Karen Mullen Photography**
- **Katz Coffee & Used Books**
- **Keith Bode, Attorney** (applies only to attorney's fees; can't be combined with any other discounts/coupon; \$500 max per matter)
- **Little Caesar's** (Lynden & Everson only; Lynden dollars also accepted as tender to purchase gift cards)
- **Lynden Dutch Bakery**
- **Lynden Interiors** (one check per customer per invoice; \$3,000 maximum; please pay sales tax separately)
- **Lynden Lube**
- **Lynden Paint and Decorating** (only on regular priced carpet; installation excluded; may not be applied against contractor's price)
- **Lynden Service Center** (\$100 per invoice)
- **Lynden Tribune** (classified and subSCRIPTION renewals only)
- **Lynden Veterinary Hospital**
- **Lynden Vision Clinic** (up to \$100 per invoice)
- **Meeple Manor**
- **Mt. Baker Mobile Mixing**
- **Muddy Waters**
- **Natural Way Chiropractic**
- **Nicole Terpstra, Attorney**
- **Northwest Professional Svcs**
- **Papa Murphy's** (Lynden only; can use Lynden dollars to buy/reload gift cards)
- **Pape Machinery** (On parts & Services, no other discounts or programs, no equip purchases or on aging accounts; \$2000 max per month)
- **Print Stop, Inc.** (cash sales only, has to be presented at time of sale)
- **RECO Brands** (payment due at time of order confirmation)
- **S&H Auto/Machine Shop** (not valid on past due accounts; up to \$100 unless prior permission)
- **Scholten's Equipment** (on parts and services; no double discounts; cannot be used for equipment purchases or to pay aging accounts, \$5,000 maximum)
- **SE RENTS, LLC** (this is separate from Scholten's Equipment)
- **Second Shot Sports**
- **Steakhouse 9**
- **Stewart Tax & Accounting** (any service up to a max of \$500)
- **Surroundings**
- **Telgenhoff & Oetgen, CPA** (up to \$500 annually on any service)
- **Terry's Paints**
- **True Value, Fairway** (CHS Northwest: \$100 max at register at time of sale, not on account)
- **Vander Griend Lumber** (limited to \$1,500 per account on current balances only, excluding contract sales, discounted/quoted prices)
- **Van Loo's Auto Service** (limit \$200 per invoice; not on aging accounts)
- **Veltkamp Family Dentistry**
- **Veltkamp Orthodontics**
- **Westside Building Supply** (accepted if balance is current and account is in good standing. Prior approval required on sales items over \$500 in value; not permitted on "garage sale, blow-out, bone pile or clearance." A max. of \$2,500 per month per customer/account per month; "early pay 1% discount" not allowed on the \$2,500.)
- **Woods** (Lynden locations accept Lynden Dollars to reload/purchase gift cards)
- **Yeh Orthodontics** (allows patients to pay in full.)
- **Zylstra Tire** (\$500 per transaction; not on aging accounts)

NOTE: There are other businesses in Lynden that will accept "Lynden Dollars," but are not listed above. You may need to ask at the time of purchase. These businesses are listed as privately participating in the program for Lynden Christian Schools; ask before trying to make a purchase with Lynden Dollars, especially those with a *:

- Ace Installations (payment must be received by 15th of the month)
- Andgar Corp. (Ferndale) (residential heating and cooling installations and servicing; max \$2,500 per invoice; not on aging accounts)
- Carl's Mower
- HomeTurf Services
- Lil' John Sanitary Services (for septic services only)
- Oostema Farmstead Inn
- Oswald & Vander Giessen Dental Care (ask for 4% rebate when making appointment; full payment by cash or check is due within 2 weeks of service)
- Rairdon Dodge (* \$300 in tuition assistance with the purchase of any vehicle when you mention at the time of sale. The rebate will be mailed to the school within 3 days of completion of sale)
- Shoff Orthodontics
- Smile Artistry
- Stan's Auto Body
- Sun-Kissed Studio
- Troy Dykstra Excavation Services Inc
- Westlyn Feed (up to \$100 per transaction)
- Wiser's Furniture (NO EXCLUSIONS- But must drop off check, do not mail.)

Holidays and Vacations

We will fill SCRIP orders placed during the first week of class, by noon Wednesday, Sept 2; those orders will be at the school by noon Thursday September 3. Occasionally the SCRIP program takes a break (usually on weeks with a holiday or school closure). Families will be notified as far in advance as possible if the SCRIP coordinators will be unavailable in a given week.

Orders will not be filled on the following Wednesdays and Thursdays:

- November 3 will be pick up only in the office due to Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 9 & 10 (Veteran's Day)
- November 23 & 24 (Thanksgiving)
- December 21 & 22 (Christmas Break)
- December 28 & 29 (Christmas Break)
- March 1 & 2 (heading into mid-winter break)
- March 30 will be pick up only in the office due to Parent Teacher Conference
- April 5 & 6 (Spring Break)
- June 7 & 8 (End of School Year)
- Summer Schedule 2023 TBA

Leaving the Program

Sometimes circumstances change. A "Future Eagle" family may not enroll after all, or not able to enroll due to class size or a family may move away, or decide to leave Ebenezer before the next payout. Sometimes a balance is left in the account when a student graduates. In those situations, the SCRIP money remains in the school's account. The family may decide whether to designate a family to receive their upcoming credit, OR leave it as a general donation for the Board to apply to a needy family's account.