

Financial Aid

Financial tuition assistance is available to families with students in grades K-8 through the GRACE (Green Bay Area Catholic Education) System. Families can complete a FACTS application at a cost of \$25.00. All application requests are confidential.

For more information contact GRACE at 920.499.7330. A link and application directions are available on the GRACE website at www.gracesystem.org.



Scrip Tuition Reduction

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What is Scrip?

Gift cards/certificates are purchased by the Scrip Program from numerous retailers, restaurants, and service providers at a discounted rate. Holy Cross Scrip sells the gift cards at face value to members of the Holy Cross school and parish community.

How can I reduce my tuition bill using Scrip?

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When a family purchases the gift cards at face value through the Scrip Program, the difference in price (i.e. the face value minus the discounted rate) is credited to the Scrip Program. A percentage of the proceeds is then applied to the family's outstanding educational fees.

What percentage is subtracted from my tuition bill?

On purchases made by day school families, 59% of the proceeds credited to the Scrip Program is applied to their children's outstanding educational fees and 40% is credited to the parish. On purchases made by day school families who have paid their tuition in full for the current school year, 99% of the proceeds is credited to the parish. (The remaining 1% in each case is deducted for expenses.)

How do I know how much of a credit we've earned?

The Scrip tuition credit is reflected on your tuition bill from GRACE.

Can I use Scrip year-round, or just during the school year?

Tuition-reducing purchases can be made year-round. Scrip purchases made after the May cut-off date each year will be applied toward the following year's tuition for registered families.

Scrip by the Numbers

- Over 70 school families participated in the Scrip program last year.
- As a group, HCCS families shaved over \$16,000 off their tuition during the school year.
- 11 families each saved more than \$500 off their tuition.
- The Scrip program features gift cards for over 500 national and local retailers.
- Scrip raised over \$16,000.00 for Holy Cross Parish last year.

Scrip Hints and Tips

1. A large purchase can quickly shave extra dollars off your tuition bill. Building a deck? Taking a vacation? Plan on paying for it with Scrip!
2. Use Scrip on necessities. We all buy gas and groceries every month. Make a weekly habit of purchasing Scrip cards. Gas stations and grocery stores typically offer small percent-ages, but they do add up over time!
3. Scrip makes great gifts! Scrip is indistinguishable from regular gifts cards.
4. Encourage your extended family and friends to buy Scrip on your behalf. As long as they include your name/child's grade on the order form, their purchases can be used to reduce your tuition bill.