

St. Mary's Bryantown "TAP Angel Dollars" 2020-2021

TAP Angel Dollars is a gift card program for you to help yourself, and in turn help the school. By using this program, you can easily earn credit for next year's tuition. The program also helps the school earn money which incidentally helps to keep tuition costs lower.

How do I participate?

SMB has partnered with GL Scrip, who is the largest operator for store cards in the US. Every family at SMB has an account to order cards. Your user name will be emailed to you with instructions on how to create your password the first week of school. Please look for this email. The best way to order gift cards is online; you have an **extremely** larger selection to choose from by doing this.

The first physical card orders will be processed on **Thursday September 17th**. Cards will be delivered via your white envelope the following Wednesday. There are multiple ways to purchase cards:

1. Process an electronic order through www.shopwithscrip.com, and have your payment automatically deducted from your checking account. This includes physical cards, reloads, and ScripNow! Cards, which are instant downloaded electronic gift cards (*so you go take advantage of glscrip while on the go!*).
2. Process an electronic order through www.shopwithscrip.com, and send in your check for payment through the "White Envelope."
3. Process a physical paper order, weekly through the "White Envelope."
4. Walk up sales at our school and church are on hold at this time. Family & friends of the SMB Community and St. Mary's Parishioners may purchase gift cards electronically through the www.shopwithscrip.com. Purchases may be picked up in the school office.

How do I earn Angel Dollars?

All gift cards give a rebate to the buyer. You look for and purchase the gift card(s) that will best suit your needs and your rebate gets put into your Scrip account until the program end date of March 31st of the current school year. Every year the program runs from April 1st-March 31st. All rebates are split on a 70/30 ratio. What that means is the family earns 70% of the rebate and the school earns 30%.

For example, a family purchases a \$100 gift card for a merchant who offers a 10% rebate. The family earns \$7 / the school earns \$3.

That money will then come off of your tuition the following school year. If you buy your groceries and gas with gift cards instead of your credit/debit cards, you will be earning money off your tuition on money you already spend -- with no additional cost to you.

What stores are available?

The program offers over 700 merchants, ranging from grocery stores to gas to restaurants, etc. You might consider purchasing some extra gift cards for those last minute gifts and take out dinners.

In addition, SMB has approached several local merchants to be involved. They are:

- Mc Kays-offers 5%
- Nicks of Clinton-offers 5%
- Ledo (Charlotte Hall only) –offers 10%
- BJ's – offers 2%

How do track my earnings?

www.shopwithscrip.com offers reporting that you can run yourself showing your activity. However, these reports list the full benefit and you would have to calculate 70% of those figures.

How will I receive my earnings?

Families must earn at least \$25 in rebates to receive any earnings. Earnings less than \$25 default to the school. Once you pass that \$25 threshold, distribution of your account can be as follows:

1. Your tuition account will be credited, reducing your tuition balance for the next school year.
2. You may donate your earnings to another returning school family's tuition account.
3. You may donate your earnings to the school. (A tax receipt will be provided on this choice.)

NOTE: *If you do not return your form indicating your option choice, your earnings will automatically be credited to the school.*

Additionally, all financial obligations due to the school (i.e. tuition payments, before and after care, hot lunch, etc.) must be in current status to receive credit towards next year's tuition. If financial obligations are not current, the earnings will be used towards the outstanding balance due.

Can I volunteer?

YES! Family volunteers oversee and run the day to day operations of this program. All families are invited to be involved. You can earn volunteer hours even at Mass! Please contact Mrs. Silverstone with your interest.

What if I have questions?

All questions, comments, or errors are to be directed to Barbara Worth at 301-751-6965 or via worth@bryantown.org

IMPORTANT: If, for any reason, you do not complete the entire school year, all earnings will be donated to the school. In addition, you must also complete the following school year in order to receive your earnings. If you leave the school for any reason during the school year, you will forfeit your earnings.

RETURNED CHECK POLICY: Returned checks will incur a \$25 service charge. The responsible family will have all orders held until payment is made to cover the check and service fee. If a full cash payment is not received within 5 business days once you have been notified by the school, the delinquent funds will be recorded on your school account and an *additional* \$25 service charge will be applied. This will be treated as all other financial obligations to the school and can result in report cards & transcripts being held.

PRESTOPAY ACCOUNT NSF: If we receive notice that your account had insufficient funds when processing a PrestoPay payment, your PrestoPay account will be locked. This prevents the family from placing additional orders using this payment method. GLScrip imposes a \$30 service charge on all NSF (not sufficient funds) transactions. A cash payment covering the cost of the order and service fee will be expected to be made to the school within 5 business days of your notification. Should your balance not be paid, all future use of the program will be suspended and this will be treated as all other financial obligations to the school, which can result in report cards & transcripts being held.