

Tuition Bucks Testimonial

Our family has used the Tuition Bucks program since its beginning. My nieces and nephew went to an elementary school that had a Scrip program and I understood how the program worked.

When Magnuson started the Tuition Bucks program I was very excited for the opportunity to help contribute funds that the school needed. I knew that we didn't have extra money to give to the school, but felt we could make a difference by participating in Tuition Bucks. The best part is that we receive a good portion of our rebate back to use towards tuition the following year! My nieces' and nephew's school didn't have that option.

We use the cards for groceries, gas, clothing, going to the movies, celebrating birthdays at Chuck E. Cheese's, shopping in general and the list goes on. It's gotten to the point I don't like to purchase **anything** without using a Scrip card! It's almost become a game to me!

I also use the Box Tops for Education website when I do any online shopping. If I am buying anything at Barnes & Noble, Kohl's, 1-800-flowers.com, etc., I link to the store website through the Box Tops website so that Magnuson gets a second rebate from my purchases. Then I use my Tuition Bucks Scrip cards to pay for my purchases online! I try to get all the bang for my buck that I can!

I encourage all of you to take advantage of the Tuition Bucks program, if not to help pad your own tuition account, then to help the school's bottom line. You can designate your portion of the rebate to go to the school's general fund, the scholarship fund, a classroom fund, another family or keep it for yourselves! Get your friends and family to order through you also! **TUITION BUCKS REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE! It can help alleviate the need for a summer fundraiser!**

We order every week even if it's a small order – it adds up quickly! We truly appreciate the Presto Pay option on the Shop With Scrip website. I can complete my shopping in one step. No need to write a check, remember to write the order number on the check, hope it doesn't get lost or that someone doesn't take it. Teachers also don't have to try to remember to look for any checks that may have come back with Friday folders.

Our family needs to utilize tuition assistance and we feel the Tuition Bucks program helps us to help ourselves with paying tuition the next year. My spouse was laid off for almost a year and we continued to place weekly orders, so I know it can be done! We feel we need the tuition credit more now than ever with our current situation.

I'll share with you our totals from this past year to see how this has helped our own situation. Our total rebate earning for the 2008-2009 Tuition Bucks year was \$585.86. We will receive \$389.39 of that total in tuition credit to use for the 2009-2010 school year. (Notice the total is just pennies shy of a full month's tuition for one student!!!) Magnuson's general fund keeps \$196.47 of our total rebate.

It's a win-win situation and all it requires is some adjustment in how you think about spending the money you're already spending anyway. I challenge all of you to place an order once a month even if it's just for gas and groceries and see what you end up with at the end of the Tuition Bucks year!

Sincerely,
A Happy Magnuson Tuition Bucks Participant
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