

# WCNY connect | card



## GET NEW CUSTOMERS

WCNY will introduce your establishment to our 15,000 members, their friends, and families, AND to our potential audience of 1.8 million viewers across 19 counties. In exchange for your single-use, 2-for-1 or other discount **you will receive:**

- ▶ TV, Radio, Digital, Social, and Print Promotions
- ▶ Professional Production of Ads and Digital **INCLUDED**
- ▶ All for **NO CASH**



## In 2019, PBS was named the most trusted institution in America\*

for the 16th year in a row. When your business partners with WCNY and our Connect Card program, you get the instant trust and credibility you only get with PBS. \*Source: Survey Sampling International (SSI), January 2019.



# PARTNER BENEFITS

NO CASH	There are NO out-of-pocket costs with this program. Just welcome new customers as they present their WCNY Connect Card for a single use, 2-for-1 or other discount savings.
PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTION SERVICES	Our team of professionals will create high quality, multi-platform assets (TV, radio, digital, print) to showcase your business as part of the promotion of our Connect Card member benefit. Production of promotions will include assets you provide.
TV PROMOTIONS	<i>Promotion on WCNY's 5 Channels:</i> PBS, Create, GLOBAL CONNECT, HowTo, and WiCKNeY KIDS. Your business highlighted in Connect Card promotional spots. These professionally produced spots will air in rotation across our 5 TV channels, reaching a potential audience of 1.8 million viewers across Central New York, the Finger Lakes, and the Mohawk Valley. <i>Each partner is featured in their own 15 second spot.</i>
RADIO PROMOTIONS	Your business highlighted in Connect Card promotional announcements in rotation on our Classic FM, HD2 and HD3 radio stations; reaching listeners across Central New York, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, and Southern Ontario Canada.
WEB / DIGITAL	<b>WCNY.ORG</b> Your business featured in the WCNY Connect Card directory special section of our website. Your promotion will feature 1–4 photos, a 75–100 word description, a sample list of 5 featured menu items or attraction features, and a link to your website.  The Connect Card app delivers bi-weekly app notifications to promote the card benefits. Geo-targeting will deliver push notifications about your benefit to Connect Card app holders when customers are within a certain radius of your location.
EMAIL MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA	<b>THE WCNY E-GUIDE / SOCIAL PLATFORMS</b> Your professionally designed banner ad featured in our weekly e-newsletter twice a year; reaches approximately 16,000+ subscribers and links to your website, plus additional promotion in rotation through our social media channels.
PRINT	<b>WCNY CONNECT CARD DIRECTORY</b> Your business included in our printed Connect Card directory that is provided annually to members.



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## Why Partner with WCNY's Connect Card?

- WCNY members are introduced to you and welcomed to your door. That means our 15,000 members, their friends and families are potential new customers.
- This program requires **NO CASH** from you. All you do is welcome Connect Card holders with single use, 2-for-one entrées or attraction admission discounts.
- Your business shares in multi-media promotion on TV, radio, digital, and social.
- Beyond our member base, our on-air promotions of this program reaches 1.8 million potential viewers and listeners in Central New York, Mohawk Valley, Finger Lakes and Southern Ontario Canada.

## PLUS

- **NO hidden fees, or up-front, out-of-pocket costs.**
- Enjoy robust promotion showcasing your establishment year-round.

## How does it work?

- Contact us to get the ball rolling. We'll respond promptly to set up a time to talk about the program and the latest promotions we have planned for Connect Card. If you decide the program is a good fit. Then we move forward!
- Our welcome packet will provide everything you need to get started. Fill out the Partner Profile Form so we can develop your unique promotional listing for the web and the Connect Card app. *We'll be happy to assist if needed with copy to create a standout listing for your company.*
- Familiarize your staff with Connect Card, using simple instructional materials in the packet so your staff will be ready to honor the card and process your discount.

Put up the Connect Card window cling we provide, ensuring customers know you're part of the program, and you're ready to go!

- We will announce you! Your business will be included on Connect Card promotions.
- Finally, you welcome new customers and grow your business! When these visitors and their guests enjoy a great time with you, they are likely to come back again and tell others about their great experience. And we benefit from happy members, proudly connecting them to wonderful businesses like yours!

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## 1. How will my business be promoted?

First, we'll develop a great listing for our online directory and mobile app that warmly promotes the best aspects of your establishment. Your establishment will be added to the directory that's mailed to new and renewing members with their connect card. We'll prepare announcements for our weekly e-guide to members, for the Connect Card app, and a social media announcement. On an ongoing basis, you'll be featured in rotation in promotional spots on-air, in our magazine, and on the Connect Card landing page. Should you wish to bump up the promotions even more at a future point, we can discuss another NO CASH pop-up benefit strategy that can drive concentrated customer traffic in a short period of time.

## 2. Are there hidden costs to this program?

**There are NO out-of-pocket costs** associated with participating in this program. Your only expense is the single-use, 2-for-1 entree discount you provide to Connect Card holders. Card holders must pay for one entree to use the discount. Other charges, for drinks and additional food items, are not discounted.

## 3. How do I honor a Connect Card?

The member's party will order two or more entrees. When it comes time to pay the bill, the member will present a valid Connect Card. You will deduct the least expensive entree from the bill and black out your assigned code number from the grid on the back of the card. Return the card to the member with your receipt.

## 4. Can I restrict the use of the card on holidays or during special events?

Yes, we inform members that restaurants have the right to restrict the card for the following holidays: New Years Eve, New Years Day, Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Also Canada Day, Remembrance, Victoria, and Boxing Days in Canada. Of course, you may choose to welcome Connect Card guests on holidays if you wish. You may also restrict the use of the card during your own special events. We request that you note these restrictions in your listing so card holders are aware of these limitations.

## 5. Can multiple Connect Card discounts be used by a group of card holders?

Our policy states that the 2-for-1 benefit is provided **ONLY** when one entree is paid in full. This means that two members **CANNOT** cancel out the bill for each other. Our policy does allow for multiple members in one group to pay for entrees and, using separate Connect Cards, on separate bills, enjoy the 2-for-1 benefit. The lesser cost entree should be deducted from the bill of a member "treating" another person.

## 6. Can Connect Card discounts be combined with other discounts?

No. Our policy states that Connect Card cannot be used in combination with other discounts or coupons.

## 7. Does Connect Card reduce the tax or tip?

No. Taxes and tips should be calculated on the total bill. Our policy also states that in no circumstances is "cash back" an option.



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## SAMPLE RESTAURANT WRITE-UP



To promote your restaurant, we will need the following information. Visit [wcny.org/connect-card-partners](http://wcny.org/connect-card-partners) to complete this info online.

← 1-4 GREAT photos

### Red Penny Café

← Restaurant full name

★ **2-for-1 entrée, dine-in only.**

← Address

📍 432 Lodi Boulevard  
West Syracuse, NY 13000

☎ 315-555-5678

← Phone

🌐 [www.atlasbowl.com](http://www.atlasbowl.com)

📖 Directions

🕒 Mon. - Thur. Noon to 10:00 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. Noon to Midnight

← Hours

\$\$\$ Located in the historic Salt District atop Lodi Hill, Red Penny offers an eclectic lunch and dinner menu that reflects the cultural traditions of the two owners: Peruvian recipes handed down to Maria Gonzalez-Perez, and American country classics from co-owner Betsy Field's family farm in Monroe. Patrons call the fusion of their styles "inspired comfort food." The menu changes monthly, featuring seasonally available local ingredients. The restaurant is located in the historic Baker Foundry Building and the dining room offers charming views of busy street life. Reservations, though not required, are strongly encouraged on weekends.

← Engaging description that captures the essence of your restaurant. 75-100 words

### From the Menu

#### Anisettini

Vodka martini with anisette, a twist of Meyer lemon, and a splash of house-made bitters

#### Shrimp stuffed grapefruit

A hollowed grapefruit shell holds thin slices of ruby grapefruit, avocado, and shrimp ceviche in a light coconut-cilantro dressing.

#### Mari's Best Chimi

A crisp flour tortilla surrounds a spicy chicken molé filling served on a bed of creamy, chive-y, fava bean puree and a drizzle of Mari's famous hot sauce.

#### Sunday Pork and Beans

Boneless, country ribs and navy beans braised in dry Marsala wine with sundried tomatoes, garlic and ancho peppers served on soft polenta.

#### Coffee Crème Caramel

Rich, satiny, coffee-infused custard with a dark, semi-sweet caramel sauce.

Sample offerings from your menu. Food or drink, but preferably your signature dishes, customer favorites, or representative of the kind of food you usually serve. 4 - 6 items with descriptions up to 30 words each.

WCNY staff will be happy to work with you to arrange for photography or assist with copywriting. Our goal is to make your restaurant a standout, must-visit, choice for our members and their friends and to help you grow your business!

\$\$\$ Less than \$10

\$\$\$ \$10 - \$30

\$\$\$ \$30 +

← Average Entree Price

# WCNY connect | card LOCAL REACH

19 counties, 500,000 households  
and nearly 2 million people

