Burton Book Fund 2019-20 Academic Year

Factsheet

Background and Goal

Since its inception in 2013, the Burton Book Fund has provided $1.9 million in textbooks to over 7,700 current and former foster youth attending colleges in California. The goal of the Burton Book Fund is to promote college success among current and former foster youth by helping offset the high cost of textbooks and by encouraging their engagement and contact with campus support professionals.

Award Level and Allowable Uses

Burton Book Fund recipients are awarded $200 to be used at their campus bookstore to purchase textbooks and required course materials. Students may use up to $50 on school supplies used for class such as pens, pencils, binders, scantron paper, etc.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Burton Book Fund, students must meet the following criteria:

- Was in foster care on or after his or her 13th birthday;
- Enrolled in 6 or more units for the Fall 2019-20 semester or quarter;
- NOT eligible for or participating in a CAFYES (Next Up) program through EOPS;
- Submitted a FAFSA or California Dream Act Application.

Eligible students may be pursuing a technical certification, an undergraduate degree, or graduate degree at a community college or a four-year public or private college or university. There is no minimum or maximum age; recipients are not required to have been in foster care in California but must be attending a college in California.

Application Timeline

- June 27: Informational web seminar at 10:00 a.m.; campus application available
- July 19: Deadline for submission of campus applications
- July 31: Campus representatives notified of the number of awards; student application available for campus representatives to award book funds
- August 1: Approved students may begin purchasing textbooks, course materials and supplies

In order to participate, the campus application must be submitted regardless of whether the campus participated in the program in previous years.

For More Information

John Burton Advocates for Youth will host a web seminar on the 2019-20 Burton Book Fund on Thursday, June 27 to discuss the process for 2019-2020. To register, follow this LINK. Answers to frequently asked questions can be found at this LINK. For additional questions, please contact Carolyn Ho at carolyn@jbay.org