**Burton Book Fund Guidelines & Steps to Apply**

**What is the Burton Book Fund?**

The Burton Book Funds are funds that the Guardian Scholars Program receives from [John Burton Advocates for Youth.](https://jbay.org/about/) These funds are limited and are distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

**Who is eligible for the Burton Book Fund?**

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 2020-2021 semester or quarter;

● NOT eligible for or participating in a CAFYES (Next Up) program through EOPS;

● Submitted a FAFSA or California Dream Act Application

**How much will be awarded to each student?**

Students can receive up to $200.00 funds in one academic year. The funds that are distributed will depend the funds needed.

**What can I use the Burton Book Funds for?**

The scholar can opt to use up to $50.00 for school supplies (i.e. notebooks, pens, pencils, etc.). Aside from the $50.00 for school supplies, the Burton Book Funds should ONLY be used to purchase items that are marked as REQUIRED on a course syllabus.

**How do I apply to the Burton Book Fund?**

1. Submit the [Burton Book Fund Application](https://ucmerced.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Ad79UOG8GF1caO) on GSP website.
   1. Scholar will be asked to upload three documents:
      1. Burton Book Fund Agreement
      2. Burton Book Fund Contract
      3. Screenshot of required books along with total

**How are the Burton Book Funds distributed?**

The funds will be distributed directly to the student’s account. If the books are charged to the student bill, the funds will be used to pay the books directly.

Please note, it will take 3-5 business days for the funds to be distributed.

**What do I need to submit?**

Scholars will have to submit a receipt after the books have been purchased and/or the screenshot that shows the books being billed to your student account.