



## **Burton Book Fund 2018-19 Academic Year**

### **Factsheet**

#### **Background and Goal**

Since its inception in 2013, the Burton Book Fund has provided \$1.75 million in text books to over 6,600 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 text books 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.

#### **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 2018-19 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 22: Informational web seminar at 10:00 a.m.; campus application available
- July 13: Deadline for submission of campus applications
- July 27: 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.

***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 2018-19 Burton Book Fund on Friday, June 22 to discuss the process for 2018-2019. 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](mailto:carolyn@jbay.org)