

Bookends FAQ

What is Bookends?

Bookends is a scholarship fund that is meant to help master's-level students with the cost of purchasing books.

How do I become eligible to receive Bookends funds?

To be eligible for Bookends, you must complete the LPTS Income/Expense Worksheet each academic year. Funds are awarded only to those who demonstrate financial need (expenses exceed income). If your expenses exceed income by any amount, you are eligible for Bookends funds.

What is the deadline to submit the Income/Expense Worksheet needed to receive Bookends funds?

For returning students, the form must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office no later than June 15 *each* academic year. The deadline for incoming students is August 1.

Are there any other requirements besides the Income/Expense Worksheet?

Yes. Each term that you receive Bookends, you will be asked by the Institutional Advancement department to write a thank you letter to a Bookends donor. If you neglect to complete this task, you will not receive Bookends funds the following term.

How much money will I be awarded in Bookends funds each academic year?

The total amount of Bookends funds for any one academic year ranges from \$250-\$300. This amount can vary, as the account from which the money comes is supported by donations. Fall award amounts are generally greater than the spring award amounts.

How do I access and use my Bookends funds?

Bookends are applied directly to students' LPTS accounts. You can access the funds by completing a check request in the Business Office after the funds have been applied. Please note, only one check per semester for the full amount of your Bookends award will be generated.

When will I learn if I have Bookends funds applied to my account?

Bookends funds are credited to student accounts by July 31 for fall term and by December 15 for spring term. You can check your ledger in CAMS to see if these funds have been applied by these dates. (Dates will differ for newly admitted students.)

Will Bookends funds impact other LPTS financial aid?

An award of Bookends funds is given in addition to other LPTS financial aid awards.

For how many terms am I eligible to receive Bookends funds?

You are eligible to receive Bookends funds as long as you remain a student.

Is there a minimum number of course hours that I need to take in order to be eligible?

No. You must only be accepted and enrolled in one of our degree programs. We do differentiate amounts based upon part-time versus full-time hours. Part-time students will typically receive half of the amount of Bookends that the full-time students receive in any given term. The definition of full-time for Bookends purposes is 9 hours or more per term, and part-time is any amount under that number.

If I am not eligible for Bookends but something in my financial situation changes, can I qualify later?

Yes. If something in your financial situation changes (loss of income, addition of greater expenses) that may help you to become eligible for Bookends funds, we can re-assess your situation for the following term's disbursement of Bookends. You would need to resubmit the Income/Expense Worksheet, reflecting the new financial information, and if applicable, you would then be included in the next Bookends disbursement.