

SKIDMORE COLLEGE, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Book/Supply Card for 2016 - 2017 Academic Year

Dear Student:

Your financial aid includes a Skidmore Grant Book Award. This funding is to assist you with purchasing your *required* textbook purchases and needed supplies for your Skidmore classes. The information below will help you understand the terms and conditions associated with your Skidmore Grant Book Award as well as the Book/Supply Card you will use to make your purchases in Skidmore's Shop. You are encouraged to print a copy of this form.

If you are a returning Skidmore student who previously had a Book/Supply Card, you will continue to use the same card. If you are a first time recipient of the Book/Supply Card or if you have lost your Book/Supply Card, you will need to obtain one through Skidmore's Card Office. Freshmen must already have a regular student ID in order to obtain the Book/Supply Card.

Your Book/Supply Card will act as a debit card. Financial Aid will request the Bursar's Office credit your Book/Supply Card with **\$650** for the fall semester *after you have accepted the terms and conditions of the Book Award on the Student System*. Assuming you return for the spring semester, another \$650 will be credited to your Book/Supply Card in January. Again, *your purchases are for required textbooks and needed supplies for your Skidmore classes. Your supplies should not exceed \$75.* You should keep copies of all receipts as you may be required to provide them at a later date. (Note that Opportunity Program students may be required to submit copies of all receipts to the OP Office.) OP students requesting additional funds beyond the \$650 per semester limit must seek approval from the OP Office. Non OP students must seek approval from the Financial Aid Office. Note that your Skidmore Grant Book Award will be adjusted accordingly after your actual charges are noted on your bill. This generally occurs at the end of the semester.

A note of advice...do not unwrap textbooks until you are certain you will remain in the class and the textbook is absolutely necessary. The Skidmore Shop cannot accept returned texts once they are unwrapped.

For the fall semester, funds will be available on the Book/Supply Card starting **Thursday, August 18th** and ending on Friday, September 30th. For the spring semester, funds will be available starting **Wednesday, January 11th** and ending on Friday, February 17th.

By accepting the use of the Book/Supply Card, you are adhering to using it strictly for your required textbooks and needed supplies for your Skidmore classes. Please understand using the card for the purchase of personal items, such as clothing or room decorations, is unacceptable and will be considered a violation of the Skidmore's College Code of Conduct.