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Bookstore Allowances for Financial Aid Recipients

You are eligible for a bookstore allowance if:

1. You are registered for courses,
2. You have received a financial aid award notice from the SMCC Financial Aid Office, and
3. Your anticipated financial aid is greater than your semester charges.

How much will my bookstore allowance be?

The amount of your bookstore allowance is the cost of your books (if purchased new at the SMCC bookstore) plus \$50 for supplies plus the sales tax on your purchases, up to your available credit balance.

When are bookstore allowances available?

For Fall and Spring terms, book allowances are normally available two weeks prior to the start of semester classes and end two weeks after the start of the semester. For Summer terms, book allowances start one week prior to the start of the semester and end two weeks after the start of the semester.

How do I use my bookstore allowance?

To use your bookstore allowance, bring your semester course schedule and student ID to the SMCC Bookstore located in the Campus Center on the South Portland campus.

Please note, bookstore allowances can only be used for book purchases from the SMCC Bookstore.

What if I don't use my full bookstore allowance?

The unused portion of your bookstore allowance remains as a credit on your billing account and is included in any financial aid credit balances released to the student (approximately one month after the semester begins).