The Emergency Textbook Loan program launched in fall 2013 and is administered by the LEADS Center. The program assists students with unmet financial needs in obtaining required textbook(s) for schooling. Students must apply and meet eligibility criteria before textbooks are purchased on their behalf. Textbooks must be returned at the end of the term in which the textbooks were loaned.

# Eligibility Criteria:

* Must be an undergraduate student in good academic standing
* Must be enrolled as a full-time student (12 credits)
* Must be enrolled and attending the Flagstaff campus at Northern Arizona University
* Must be referred by an NAU staff or faculty member
* Currently enrolled for the class for which the book(s) is required
* Must be eligible to receive financial aid and meet the definition of financially needy per Federal Title IV definitions.
* Must have a current FAFSA on file with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.
* If selected, the candidate must complete the Financial Literacy 101, Paying for College on-line module prior to receiving textbooks (1 hour).

# Program Data:

* **53** students received books during the 2013-14 academic year
* **107** textbooks valued at **$8,092** were purchased for the fall semester.
* **91** textbooks valued at **$8,603.66** were purchased for the spring semester.

# Program Changes for 2014-15 Academic Year:

* New partnership with Follett will provide an additional $25,000 year to support the program.

This will allow the purchase of other supplies and consumables for students such classroom clickers.

* New marketing and outreach to students and parents is under development.
* With Faculty Senate assistance, we would like to develop language to include on each syllabus or other course materials to let students know of the program.

# Student Story:

*I am deeply sorry it took so much time to respond to your email. I came home and our internet was down and my parents just paid the bill last night. If you would like me to mention anything else in my statement feel free to let me know. I hope you have an excellent break and happy holidays.*

*My name is Alex Aguas and I am now a junior. During financial hardships, it is extremely difficult to make room in your budget, especially if that budget is supposed to take a six hundred dollar hit. The textbook loan program saved my grades this semester. I did not have the adequate amount of money to even buy food and a lot less a textbook. I was failing my basic history course and struggling in my introduction education course as well. This program gave me hope that I could still pass these courses; not just pass the course, but pass it with maybe even a B or A. By the time finals strolled along, my grades were up from F’s ,from two months into the semester, to B’s and there was hope for those B’s. By the time the class was finished. I had finished both classes with high B’s. This program helped me, as I am certain it will help many other students to come.* -Alex Aguas