Volunteer Perks: Bookstore Bucks

Why do we have this program?

Bookstore Bucks are one of the many ways we say thanks to alumni volunteers for your hard work, commitment and dedication to the University of Alberta. We often hear that many alumni love receiving U of A branded merchandise, and this program allows you to earn such merchandise and choose exactly what you want. We hope you will wear your well-deserved U of A gear with pride.

What are Bookstore Bucks?

Bookstore Bucks are credits that can be used at the U of A bookstore (in person or online) towards the purchase of merchandise. Alumni volunteers can earn one bookstore buck per hour they volunteer. One bookstore buck is equivalent to $1 CAD.

Bookstore Bucks are not physical cash. They are distributed in the form of a gift card.

Who can earn Bookstore Bucks?

Bookstore Bucks are unique to the Alumni Association volunteer program. Only individuals who are U of A alumni and volunteering in an approved program/event are eligible to participate in this program.

Automatically eligible programs are listed on our website: https://www.ualberta.ca/alumni/volunteer/opportunities. However, other volunteer opportunities across campus can be approved for this program. Please ask your volunteer coordinators if they have contacted us to approve their volunteers for this rewards incentive.

If you are unsure whether your volunteer opportunity qualifies, please contact us.
How do I earn Bookstore Bucks?
After volunteering at an approved event or program, volunteers need to submit their hours via this link https://goo.gl/forms/kNJ7T1jbEcXJiq1p2. Each volunteer will be responsible for reporting their own hours. Hours must be submitted within three months of when they are worked or they will be forfeited. One hour volunteered is equivalent to one Bookstore Buck.

Participation in this rewards program is completely optional.

How do I receive my Bookstore Bucks?
Once you have accumulated a minimum of 10 volunteer hours, you are eligible to "cash out" your hours for a bookstore gift card. These hours will be removed from your total and applied to a gift card. When you are ready to do this, simply contact the volunteer team and a gift card will be readied for you. Please allow three business days for processing this request plus applicable mailing time if you want your gift card mailed.

Is there a limit on how many Bookstore Bucks I can earn?
Yes. You are unable to submit and accumulate more than 100 hours per calendar year. Also, volunteers can only cash out a maximum of 100 volunteer hours in a calendar year. A calendar year runs January 1st to December 31st.

Do Bookstore Bucks expire?
Gift cards do not expire. Hours that have not been converted into Bookstore Bucks are valid for two years from the date the volunteer hours are worked, or until the closure of this rewards program. Remembering to cash out hours before they expire is the volunteer’s responsibility.

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