Qualifying Books

"Qualifying books" are recently used college books - they provide the greatest utility and generate the most funding for our literacy partners. Focusing your book drive on qualifying books helps keep shipping costs low, which increases the amount of funding for your literacy partner.

Which books will qualify?

On average, about 80% of books from a well-run drive will qualify.

- **College textbooks and study guides** (with copyright dates from the past 5 years)
- **Any book used in a college class**
- **Workbooks** (with no missing pages)
- **In general, books that cover college subject matter**
  (i.e. Math, Science, Business, Literature, Engineering, Health, Psychology, Foreign Language, History, Business, Philosophy, Sociology, Computer Science, Anthropology, Government, etc.)

Highlighting and/or writing in books is fine, and accompanying CD's are great to send along as well. Make sure that all students on your campus know about the book drive to ensure a high percentage of qualifying books.

Which books will not qualify?

- **Older textbooks** (mostly with copyright dates over 5 years old)
- **Children's books**
- **Mass-market paperbacks** ("supermarket" novels; usually 5"x7", like Crichton, Grisham, romance novels)

There's no need to spend a lot of time sorting through the books before you ship (since our warehouse will find the best use for every book), but **please refrain from sending:**

- **Course packets**
- **Encyclopedia sets**
- **Custom publications** (when a professor compiles a 'book' specific to a class)
- **Academic Journals**
- **Magazines**
- **Books in poor condition** (missing pages, torn/missing cover, excessive water damage, etc)

If you receive numerous children's books, you may be able to keep our shipping costs down by finding a local organization that would be happy to receive them. You can get in touch directly with the nearest organization to arrange donation through National Center for Family Literacy program listing: www.famlit.org/Directory/index.cfm .

Any questions about qualifying books? Ask your Regional Director.

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