

FOR THE **LOVE OF BOOKS**

Less screen time, more books.

Use a new Mass Child grant to make it happen.

WHO CAN APPLY

Every MTA preK-12 local association can apply for a voucher to purchase a large quantity of books for groups of students. The Massachusetts Child, MTA's charitable organization, is partnering with First Book, a national nonprofit providing high-quality educational materials to financially disadvantaged students.

First Book will provide vouchers valued at \$5 per student and that can be redeemed online at First Book marketplace, where thousands of titles are sold at greatly reduced prices.

APPLICATION

The application for a voucher is posted on the Mass Child web page. We'll need to know:

- How many students will you be buying books for? Will you buy books for a particular grade level or school?



- How will the books you purchase be distributed. We ask that you make the distribution of the books a joyful event that celebrates reading.

Districts with high economic need will be given priority in the approval process, but every preK-12 local is eligible to apply.

HOW IT WORKS

For example, if your local wanted to purchase books for 500 students, and your application is approved, Mass Child would send you a voucher for \$2,500 to purchase books on the First Book marketplace. When the books arrive, members of your local would distribute them to students at an organized event, during which you would capture photos and videos to share with Mass Child and MTA for possible use on social media platforms.

Allow at minimum for up to 14 days for books to arrive once the voucher payment is submitted.

Apply as soon as possible. Funds are limited and The Mass Child board of directors will review applications at its March 12 meeting.



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