

West Virginia University  
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association  
Assembly Bill: AR-2025-02-03  
**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ONGOING  
COLLABORATION WITH THE SHINING MINDS TEXTBOOK PROGRAM**

<b>Short Title:</b>	<b>Shining Minds Collaboration</b>
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**Whereas**, the WVU Mission Statement reads, “As a land-grant institution, the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity,” and,

**Whereas**, the WVU SGA Mission Statement reads, “We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to [...] help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of

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the students within our University are protected,” and,

**Whereas**, the Shining Minds Textbook Loan Program exists to provide students with no-cost textbook rentals supplied through student donations<sup>1</sup>, and,

**Whereas**, textbook affordability is considered a key predictor of college enrollment and academic success<sup>2</sup>, and,

**Whereas**, the costs of traditional textbooks continue to increase, and this can particularly affect at-risk low-income students<sup>3</sup>, and,

**Whereas**, during the 2024-2025 WVU SGA Administration, the Academic Affairs Committee worked with the WVU Libraries to promote the Shining Minds textbook program, and,

**Whereas**, the library’s Director of Access Services supports the collaborative efforts between WVU SGA and the Shining Minds Textbook Loan Program, and,

***Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:***

**Section 1:** WVU SGA encourages future administrations to collaborate with WVU Libraries to promote and expand the Shining Minds Textbook Program.

**Section 2:** WVU SGA encourages the University administration to work to promote and expand the Shining Minds Textbook Program, as well as general textbook affordability.

**Mandates:**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://library.wvu.edu/oer/initiatives/initiatives/shining-minds-textbook-program>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.webofscience.com/wos/woscc/full-record/WOS:000676074500001>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.webofscience.com/wos/woscc/full-record/WOS:000441042200003>

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