

HOW TO FUND

AUTHOR VISITS

MAKING THE MOST

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WHY ARE THERE SCHOOL VISIT FEES?

- Author visits can be very rewarding for the students. They can tie in a writing project they're doing, inspire reading and literacy skills, show them how authors come up with some of their favorite stories. And they get to meet a real-life author!
 - Most authors put a lot of time and thought into their presentations, make arrangements for their kids, pets, other work responsibilities in order to travel to school visits. It is a job, albeit a pleasurable one, as authors LOVE connecting with the true readers of their books – kids! This is why authors charge a visit fee. You wouldn't go to your job and not expect to get paid, right? Please read Donna Janell Bowman's educational post on [The Truth about Author Incomes](#).
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RESOURCES FOR FUNDING AUTHOR VISITS

But if it is a hardship for your school to fund an author visit, here are some resources for ideas to get funding:

- [21 Ways to Fund Author Visits](#)
- Apply for the [Amber Brown Grant](#) through the [Society of Book Writers and Illustrators](#) (SCBWI) to help fund an all-day author visit.
- If you're a school in Mendocino County, apply for the Young Author Fair through the [Mendocino County Office of Education](#), contact: Cymbre Thomas-Swett (pronounced sweet), (707) 467-5102, cthomasswett@mcoe.us.
- Check with your local County Office of Education, many counties have a Young Author Fair program.

