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School Uniform Grant Application form 2017

Important information

Please complete ALL appropriate sections and enclose supporting paperwork.

Incomplete applications will not be processed until all paperwork has been received. (In the event of any queries, you will be contacted, wherever possible via email).

- You **must also** complete the survey.
- **Only ONE application per household** will be considered. The maximum grant award is £40 per child up to a maximum of £120 per household and will be paid by cheque to the member.
- **There is a limited amount in the fund** and, once exhausted, no further awards can be made. Priority will be given to anyone who has not previously received a School Uniform Grant.

Am I eligible for a School Uniform Grant?

To be considered for a grant, you must not be eligible for a local authority grant and be able to show that you meet the following criteria:

Either

- You are in receipt of housing benefit.

Or

- Your household **net income** is less than £18,000.

By 'net income' we mean all salary after tax, national insurance, superannuation etc, and including your partner's salary if applicable and benefits. However, do not include in your calculation Child Benefit, the childcare element only of Working Tax Credit if paid, Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment.

Also

- Neither you/your partner have savings in excess of £800 (including rolling bank balance).
- You have not received a grant from UNISON There for You in the last 6 months.
- You must have **paid a minimum of 4 weeks membership subscriptions before 22nd May 2017** to apply.

Where do I send my form to?

Return your completed application form along with all supporting paperwork to:

There for You (SUG),
UNISON Centre,
130 Euston Road,
London NW1 2AY

Is there an application deadline?

Your application must be received no later than **21 July 2017**. Applications will then be processed and decisions communicated over the following weeks.

Membership details

Membership number*: _____

National Ins No: _____

*Please contact UNISON Direct 0800 0 857 857 for your membership number as we cannot process your application without it.

Personal details

Name Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss First name Surname

Address

Postcode

Email Contact telephone no.

Who shares your home with you?

Apart from yourself, please give details of all adults who live in your home

| Name | Relationship to you | Please indicate if they are employed/ in education/benefits/or if 'other' give details | £ weekly income |
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Now give details of all children under-18 in full-time primary or secondary education

| Name | Relationship to you | Age | Name | Relationship to you | Age |
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How many children will be returning to school after the summer holidays?

Supporting paperwork*

Tick one of the following two statements applicable to you and ensure all relevant supporting paperwork* is enclosed with your application form:

EITHER

I currently receive housing benefit. I enclose **all** of the following paperwork*:

- Proof that housing benefit is paid
- Payslip**
- Proof that child benefit is paid
- Tax credit award letter showing element given towards childcare costs if appropriate
- Last month's full bank statement(s)** detailing all income and outgoings

OR

Our net household income is £18,000 or less.

I enclose **all** of the following paperwork*:

- Payslip**
- Proof that child benefit is paid
- Tax credit award letter showing element given towards childcare costs if appropriate
- Last month's full bank statement(s)** detailing all income and outgoings

*Please only send copies of your paperwork as originals cannot be returned

** If you live with a partner, don't forget to include their payslip/ bank statement if applicable

If you experience difficulty obtaining any of the paperwork requested please explain why in a covering letter.

Declaration

- I confirm that the information I have given truly reflects my current financial position.
- I/we do not have more than £800 in savings.
- I understand that my application cannot be considered without supporting paperwork.
- I understand that the information on this form will be held electronically and consent to the collection, processing and dissemination of this information by UNISON There for You as necessary to consider the eligibility of my grant application under the criteria set out in this application form. UNISON There for You may disclose my personal data if required to do so by law.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

The cost of schooling survey

Please now complete the following survey as data collected will be used to help UNISON with future campaigns. **Please tick all that apply**

1. How much do you think you have spent in total on your child(ren)'s school uniform including footwear in the last 12 months?

- £0-50
 - £50-100
 - £100-150
 - £150-200
 - £200-250
 - £250-300
 - £300-350
 - £350-400
 - More £
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2. Were there any items that were only available from a specialist supplier?

Yes No

If yes, which were they?

3. Was there any help available towards the cost of school uniforms and PE kits? (please select all that apply)

- School second-hand uniform shop
- School hardship fund
- School bulk discount
- Local authority grant
- Don't know
- No

4. Are you worried that your child might be:

Disciplined by their school for not having the correct uniform?

Yes No

Bullied by their classmates for not having the correct uniform?

Yes No

Excluded for not having the correct uniform

Yes No

5. What school costs are you asked to contribute towards?

- School trips – directly related to education
- School funds
- School photographs
- Equipment for lessons
- Non-school uniform days
- School parties or discos
- Swimming lessons
- Text books or revision guides
- Items for a jumble, raffle or cake sale

Other (please specify)

6. How much would you roughly say you have spent on these extra costs in the last 12 months?

- £0-50
 - £50-100
 - £100-150
 - £150-200
 - £200-250
 - More £
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7. Is it made clear that families on a low-income could be exempt from some or all of the cost of school trips?

Yes No

8. Have there been cuts to the provision of breakfast clubs and/or after school clubs at your child's school?

Yes No

9. Have you been asked to pay more for breakfast clubs and/or after school clubs at your child's school?

Yes No

10. Are you currently behind with payments on any of the following?

- Fuel
- Water
- Mortgage
- Rent
- Council tax/rates
- Bank loan(s)
- Credit cards
- Loans family friends
- Payday loans/weekly payments eg Brighthouse
- Catalogue

If yes, by how much in total?

- Less than £150
- £150-300
- £300-450
- £450-600
- £600-£750
- £750-1000
- More than £1000

11. As a result of rising living costs, do you find you are?

- Having to turn to your parents? Yes No
- Turning to other family members / friends? Yes No
- Borrowing on credit cards? Yes No
- Using payday lenders/weekly payments eg Brighthouse? Yes No
- Using Provident/doorstep loans Yes No
- Using unauthorised lenders Yes No

12. Have you ever visited a food bank?

Yes No

13. Are you or is anyone in your household in receipt of?

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)/ Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Carers Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Council tax support
- Income support
- Employment support allowance
- Universal credit

Other (please indicate)

14. How would you describe the current state of your finances?

- Good
- Fair
- Struggling from one payday to the next
- Dire

15. How is this affecting your health? (tick all that apply):

- Time off work
- Low mood
- Struggle to sleep
- Increased anxiety
- Difficulty concentrating

Help us to help others

We like to take every opportunity to make others aware of the help that is available and in so doing raise our profile and reach out to more members.

Can we contact you about your experience?

Yes No

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions, your contributions are much appreciated. Please send this completed survey with your application form and supporting paperwork.