

School uniform grant Application form 2014



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Important information

- **Please read carefully** and complete all sections and enclose supporting documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- **Applicants are also required to complete the survey**
- **Large print versions** of this application form are available on request.
- **The Trustees reserve the right** to make appropriate enquiries to verify the information provided.
- **Only ONE application per household** will be considered and the maximum grant is £120 where there is more than 1 child. Cheques will be made payable to the applicant.
- **There is a limited amount in the School Uniform Grants fund** and once exhausted no further awards can be made. Priority will be given to those that did not receive a grant in 2013.
- **Your application must be received no later than 11 July 2014.** Applications will then be processed and decisions communicated over the following few weeks.

Personal details

Name Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

Contact telephone no. _____

UNISON Branch _____

Membership No* _____

Date joined UNISON* _____

*You can contact UNISON Direct on 0800 0857 857 if you do not have this information

Members of household and their income

Tick all appropriate

Do you have a partner? Yes No

If yes, are they employed in receipt of benefits

Number of people in the household: Working adults Non-working adults Children

Children

Name _____

Age / Date of birth _____

Name _____

Age / Date of birth _____

Members of household and their income

Please include all sources of income (net salaries – after deduction of tax, national insurance, superannuation and trade union subscriptions only) received by all members of the household. Do not include Child Benefit, Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments which are ignored as income for this grants programme.

Am I eligible for a school uniform grant?

Please confirm that the following apply to you (and your partner if applicable):

Tick all that are appropriate

- I/We do not have savings in excess of £800 (this includes a rolling balance in your bank account).
- No one in my household has received a grant from UNISON Welfare in the last six months
- Household net income (excluding Child Benefit, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP)) is less than £18,000 pa.

You will not be eligible for a grant if your household NET income is greater than £18,000

- I/we confirm that the children being claimed for are all in full-time state education
- I/we confirm that we are not eligible for a grant for this purpose from the Local Authority

Now provide the following information

a) Your monthly net income (including benefits, tax credits, charitable payments, etc but excluding Child Benefit, DLA or PIP)

Partner monthly net income (if applicable)

Total per month

b) Now multiply your total monthly income by 12

Total annual income

If the total amount received is more than £18,000 you will not be eligible for this scheme.

Declaration

I confirm that the information I have given truly reflects my current financial position. I understand that failure to provide the required supporting documentation will mean my application cannot be considered.

I have enclosed the following documents

(Please tick all that apply and submit copies of originals as we cannot return any paperwork)

- Last month's full bank statement(s), including all accounts that your partner holds, showing confirmation of all income received (please highlight) and outgoings
- Latest payslip for you (and partner if applicable)
- Separate confirmation of any income that is not shown on the bank statement

IMPORTANT: YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT ALL THESE DOCUMENTS AND YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU IF ANY PAPERWORK IS MISSING.

Signed

Date

Data Protection

All personal information will be held in confidence by There for You for the purposes of assessing this application, in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998. A full copy of the data protection policy of the organisation is available on request.

Please return your application form to:

There for You, UNISON Centre, 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY which must be received by 11 July at the very latest.

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Registered in Scotland SC038305

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**

How much do you think you have spent in total on your child(ren)'s school uniform including footwear?

- £0-50
- £50-100
- £100-150
- £150-200
- £200-250
- £250-300
- £350-400
- More £

Were there any items that were only available from a specialist supplier? Yes No

If yes, which were they?

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

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

Feel excluded for not having the correct uniform

Yes No

Do you expect to spend more or less on school uniform costs in the year ahead?

- Considerably more
- Slightly more
- About the same
- Slightly less
- Considerably less

How difficult would you say it is for your family to meet the cost of your child's school uniform? Tick one option below.

- With a bit of help can just about manage
- Quite difficult
- Very difficult

Why is this?

Do you buy any school uniform/clothing or footwear from any of the following stores?

- Sainsburys
- Tesco
- Asda
- Marks & Spencer
- BHS
- Clarks shoe shop

Other

If there is a specific reason for this please comment below

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)

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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

As a result of rising living costs, do you find:

You are having to turn to your parents?

Yes No

Other family members for additional financial support?

Yes No

Borrow on credit cards?

Yes No

Use payday lenders?

Yes No

Are you a single parent?

Yes No

Has your income been affected by:

Changes in the benefits system?

Yes No

Changes to you / your partner's terms of employment?

Yes No

How many hours do you work each week?

Do you have any other comments?