

School uniform grant Application form 2016

Important information

- Please complete all sections, including the survey, and enclose supporting documents.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- **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 one 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 2015.
- **Your application must be received no later than 15 July 2016.** Applications will then be processed and decisions communicated over the following few weeks.
- **You must have paid a minimum four weeks subscription before 23 May 2016**

Personal details

Name Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other

Address

Postcode

Email

Contact telephone no.

National insurance number

Membership No*

***Please contact UNISON Direct on 0800 0857 857 if you do not have this information which is required to process your application**

Who shares your home with you?

I am single I live with my partner

Apart from yourself, please give details of everyone else who lives in your home

Name	Age	Relationship to you	Employed / in education / benefits / other

How many of your children will be in returning to school after the summer holidays?

Am I eligible for a school uniform grant?

To be considered for a grant please tick to confirm that all of the following apply:

- 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.
- 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 There for you in the last six months.
- Household net income (excluding Child Benefit, any childcare element included in Working Tax Credits, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP)) is less than £18,000 pa.

Now calculate your income

Do NOT include in your calculation:

- Child Benefit or any Childcare element of Working Tax Credits.
- Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment that may be paid.

DO include in your calculation:

- You and your partner's (if applicable) net salary after deducting tax, national insurance, superannuation and trade union subscriptions only
- Tax Credits.
- Any other benefits paid directly to you/your partner but excluding those referred to above.
- Any other income e.g. maintenance, part-time employment.

My total annual net income including my partner (where applicable) is:

£ please insert amount

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

If as part of your tax credits you are paid an element towards childcare costs, how much do you receive each month:

£ please insert amount

Indicate whether this is paid weekly or 4-weekly. Or if easier, simply include a copy of your Tax Credits awards letter.

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 submit copies rather than 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.
- Confirmation of child and working tax credits if they do not appear on the bank statement you have provided e.g. DWP Tax Credits award letter.
- 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 these documents and will be returned if any are missing. If you have experienced difficulty obtaining any documents referred to above please explain why this is in a covering letter.

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 15 July 2016 at the very latest.

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

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
 - £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

Feel 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
- 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 for additional financial support? Yes No

Borrowing on credit cards? Yes No

Using payday lenders? Yes No

12. Have you ever visited a food bank?

Yes No

13. Are you a single parent?

Yes No

14. 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

Other (please indicate)

15. We work in partnership with credit unions and also offer a free debt advice service. Would you be interested in receiving information on:

Credit Unions? Yes No

Debt advice? Yes No

16. Have there been any significant changes to your household income in the last 12 months? If so, please give details below: