

CONFIDENTIAL

School Uniform Grant Application form 2021

What is the fund for?

In response to the growing difficulties many members on low incomes face, a programme has been put in place that will assist our most vulnerable members with the cost of providing school uniforms.

How much are the Grants?

They are one-off grants of £50.00 per school age child, up to a maximum of £150.00 per family.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible, you must meet the following:

- You are a member and have paid 4 weeks subscriptions before 1st July 2021.
- You are financially responsible for the child/children and receiving Child Benefit for them.
- You have total combined (you and your partner if applicable) savings/rolling bank balance(s) of less than £1,000 and

Either

- You receive Housing Benefit or Universal Credit

Or

- Your salary net income is less than £18,200 – (including your partners if applicable)

Is there anything else that may affect my application?

- Applications are limited to one per household.
- If your membership commenced after 1st March 2020 you will not be eligible to apply if you have received financial assistance totalling £750.00 or over in the last 12 months.

What documents must I include with my application?

We cannot consider your request without the following paperwork relevant to your application:

Salary/Salaries below £18,200 - please include:

- Most recent salary slip for both you and your partner (if applicable)
- Most recent bank statement(s) for **all** accounts held for you and your partner (if applicable).

Your bank statement must show all income and transactions for a **complete month** including Child Benefit Payments.

Or

If you receive Housing Benefit or Universal Credit, please include

- Most recent bank statement(s) for you and your partner (if applicable) for a complete month. Your bank statement must show **all** transactions and that you are receiving Housing Benefit or Universal Credit and Child Benefit Payments.

How will you contact me?

We may need to contact you to request further information. All contact will either be by email or phone. **Please remember to check your junk/spam folders.**

Note: We cannot consider applications without a membership number and **all** supporting documents. Incomplete applications will be returned by post and you will need to reapply.

Other important information:

- As this is a limited fund, we cannot guarantee you will receive a payment even if you meet the eligibility criteria. It is therefore important that you apply as early as possible.
- Please note that the date of application will be taken as the date we receive the form and **all required supporting documents.**
- If you do not meet the criteria for assistance but are experiencing unexpected financial hardship due to a change in circumstances, we might be able to help you in other ways.

For further information:

Please visit www.unison.org.uk/get-help/services-support/there-for-you/

There for You Support Team email thereforyou@unison.co.uk

How do I apply?

Complete the form and return to

Freepost

UNISON There for You (SUG 2021)

UNISON Centre

130 Euston Road

London

NW1 2AY

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Application form

Important:

Before starting your application, please ensure you carefully read the guidance notes.

We cannot accept applications that do not include a membership number or all supporting documents.

If you do not know your UNISON membership number please contact UNISON Direct on 0800 0 857 857 for this information.

Membership Number

Title First name Last name

Full address including postcode

Preferred phone number

Preferred email address

Are you single or live with a partner?

Single

Live with partner

How many children under the age of 18 live with you and will be returning to full-time education after the school summer break? [Enter number]

Please add any other information in the box below which will help us to understand your current situation

My situation: (please tick one box only)

I am in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit (**see checklist Option 1**)

My salary net income (together with that of my partner if applicable) is less than £18,200 (**see checklist Option 2**)

What difference will a grant from There for You make? (tick all that apply)

My child will be able to return to school in the correct uniform.

I will not have to cut back on food or other basic essentials in order to buy the uniform.

I won't get into debt or borrow money from elsewhere.

Other

How much do you expect to pay for each child's uniform

£

Does your school require you to buy branded uniform from a specialist supplier?

Yes

No

Your bank details

Your bank details (please ensure that the correct account details are provided – the charity will not be responsible for payments made using incorrect information).

Name on account:

Sort code

Account number

Declaration –

Please ensure that all questions are ticked to confirm that you have read and understood what is required for this application.

I/we confirm that the information I/we have given is a true reflection of my/our current financial position

Yes

No

I/we confirm that I/we do not have more than £1000 in savings/rolling bank balance(s)

Yes

No

I/we understand that my application will not be considered without all the supporting paperwork and the date of receipt will be taken as the date the application plus all documents have been provided

Yes

No

I/we agree to the information on this form and any supporting paperwork being held in the Charity's database for the sole use of the Charity's records to process this and any future applications. We are committed to ensuring that we handle all data which we hold about you in a safe and responsible manner and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018. You may disclose my personal data if required to do so by the regulators or law enforcement.

Yes

No

For a copy of our privacy policy, email thereforyou@unison.co.uk

Signed	Date
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IMPORTANT

Please check you have answered every question and all supporting documents have been included before posting.

Document Checklist – you must include with your application

Option 1 – I am in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit

- ✓ Most recent bank statement(s) for you and your partner (if applicable) for a **complete month**. Your bank statement must show you are receiving Housing Benefit or Universal Credit and Child Benefit Payments
- ✓ If housing benefit/universal credit is not credited to your bank account, please provide a copy of the award notice.

Option 2 – My net salary income (together with that of my partner if applicable) is less than £18,200.

- ✓ Most recent salary slip for both you and your partner (if applicable)
- ✓ Most recent bank statement(s) for **all** accounts held for you and your partner (if applicable). Your bank statement must show all income and transactions for a **complete month** including Child Benefit Payments.

Forms with information missing will be returned and you will have to reapply.

This is a limited fund and cases are assessed in date received order. The received date assumed will be the date we receive the form and **all required supporting documents**.

Once the form has been received with the appropriate documents you will receive an email confirming receipt and payments will commence the week commencing **16th August 2021**. We will be extremely busy with applications and will not be able to respond to any individual enquiries made during this time.

Publicity – help us to help others

We like to take every opportunity to make others aware of the help that is available, raise our profile and reach out to more members. If your application is successful, can we contact you about featuring your story in some of our materials? [This is optional, and your decision will not influence the outcome of your application]

Please select

- Yes Yes anonymise No

Monitoring information

Please note that information in this section will not affect your application. It is taken for monitoring purposes only and is not shared with those considering your application:

Ethnicity

White

- British Irish Other white

Black or Black British

- African Caribbean Other black

Mixed

- White & black Caribbean White & Asian White & black African
Any other mixed

Asian or Asian British

- Indian Pakistani Other Asian Chinese

Other ethnic group (please specify) _____

Disability

Would you describe yourself as a disabled person? Yes No