

Essex Clergy Charity Corporation

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Annual Family Grants 2017

Dear Colleague,

I write to let you know about the Annual Family Grants available from this charity to all the clergy licensed in the Diocese, whether Stipendiary or SSM. These grants are subject to a "do it yourself" means test. The limits, which refer to the combined incomes of clergy and spouse, are reviewed each year.

Clothing Grants will be paid in August if applications are received by 31st July.

The Charity expects to pay all other grants in October, subject to the agreement of the Charity's governing body.

The Final CLOSING DATE for ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS is 31ST AUGUST.

Application forms are distributed via Area/Rural Deans and can also be downloaded from the Charity's website.

If you work with a clergy colleague, please check that they have received a form.

However, I will also gladly supply extra copies on request.

The value of the grants will be increased or decreased according to the number of applications received in relation to the cash available. So it is essential to meet the application deadline.

The grant values quoted are simply a guide.

Please remember that it is not possible to guarantee to maintain a particular level.

GRANTS AVAILABLE IF COMBINED INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED £38,800

- **BIRTH GRANT** (£150), available as soon as the child is born.
Please apply by letter if this is after the closing date.
- **CLOTHING GRANT** is now given five times in a child's school career.
That is, on entering Reception (£50) & at the beginning of school years 3 (£150), 7 (£200), 9 (£100) and 12 (£100)
(Start of Infant, Junior, Secondary and Sixth Form)
- **HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS** (£400), payable for up to four years for clergy dependants engaged in full time education, starting between their 18th and 25th birthdays.
- **OTHER GRANTS.** (£100) available towards the cost of educational trips organized by the school and (£75) for college interview visits during the past twelve months, if the actual costs have exceeded these amounts.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, IF COMBINED INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED £32,300

- **CHILDREN'S GRANTS** can be claimed (if the child is below 18 years of age on 31st August this year and not earning his or her own living)
(Child aged 0-5: £80 / aged 6-10: £120 / aged 11-17: £200)

Yours sincerely,

Revd Simon Law, Assistant Secretary to the Charity

Essex Clergy Charity Corporation - Grant Application

ALL applicants must be able to sign one of the following declarations: (delete as applicable)

EITHER: I certify that the gross income of myself and my spouse in the last financial year was below £32,300

OR: I certify that the gross income of myself and my spouse in the last financial year was between £32,300 and £38,800

Gross Income = Stipend (if any) + other Income from employment (if any) + Spouse's Income from employment (if any) + Maintenance Payments received (if divorced) *(But NOT Including Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit)*

Signed..... Date

Name.....Telephone

Address

I am licensed in the Archdeaconry of and I wish to apply for the following grant(s).

Name(s) Of Child(ren)	Date of Birth	Age on 31 st August	School Year (beginning Sept. 2017)	Type of Grant requested	<u>Please Leave Blank</u>

For **Educational Trip Grants** (organized by the school) only: please supply a brief description of the visit and state the total cost (which must be over £100).

Description

For **Higher Education Visits for Interview**: please state total cost of all such visits (which must be over £75): total cost £.....

Closing date for early payment of Clothing Grants is 31st JULY

FINAL CLOSING DATE for ALL applications is 31st AUGUST

Please complete all the details above and also write your name and address in the box below (FOR YOUR CHEQUE) and return the form to the address overleaf.