




Application for School Clothing Grant, Free School Meals & Milk Academic Year 2025/2026

(can be accepted up to 26 June 2026)

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School Clothing Grants 

Free School Meals 

Please note all P1-P5 pupils get Free School Meals, but if you want milk for your P1-P5 children, please use this form supplying proof of a qualifying benefit as listed on the reverse page of this form.

When supplying proof of qualifying benefit, **PLEASE SEND PHOTOCOPIES OF ALL PAGES, DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS.**
Applications received without acceptable evidence of eligibility **will be returned.** See section 7 for guidance.

In blue or black ink, please complete sections 1 to 8 in BLOCK CAPITALS. **YOU MUST SIGN THE FORM AT SECTION 8.**
(If you are able to clearly write your email address in section 4, we will email you rather than posting confirmation)

Do you receive Council Tax Reduction and/or Housing Benefit? Yes ☐ No ☐
I consent to the Financial Assessment Team using the information held within my Housing Benefit and/or....
Council Tax Reduction Award Yes ☐ No ☐

1 ARE YOU APPLYING FOR (please tick)? School Clothing Grant ☐ Free School Meals & Milk ☐

2 YOUR DETAILS (Parent/Guardian)				
Title	Forename	Surname	National Insurance Number	
			<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

3 YOUR PARTNER'S DETAILS (you must include details of any partner living at your address)				
Title	Forename	Surname	National Insurance Number	
			<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

4 Address (inc Postcode)			
		Postcode	
Tel No.		email address	

(we will email confirmation to you if you enter your email address above clearly)

5 YOUR CHILDREN OF PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE ONLY		
(please state the name of the school which your child/children will attend in the 2025/2026 academic year)		
<i>To receive payment your child/children must be on the school roll – payment may be delayed otherwise</i>		
Forename & Surname	Date of Birth	Full Name of School
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6 BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	
School Clothing Grants will only be provided in the form of a BANK TRANSFER (BACS), so you need to give us details of a bank or building society account. We cannot make payments directly into Post Office accounts.	
Name of bank / building society	Name of person holding account
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sort Code (6 digits)	Account Number (8 digits)
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NOTE - account number does not always appear on your bank card, if this is the case, please check a recent bank statement or contact your local branch	

Please now complete sections 7 and 8 (YOU MUST SIGN THE FORM AT SECTION 8).

BOXES BELOW ARE FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS OFFICE USE ONLY

SCG Amount	£	Ref No:	Input by/Date:	Approved by/Date:
FSM Approved	Yes / No		/ /	/ /

- 7** To apply for **School Clothing Grant only** please get this form stamped by Jobcentre Plus or verified by Advice Shop, OR provide evidence listed below. Please tick the box below to confirm that you have supplied **all pages** of one of the documents listed.
(we can only accept the types of evidence listed below, please give a copy as originals cannot be returned)

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| 1) Income Support letter (most up to date letter you have)..... | Please tick
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance (most up to date letter you have)..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) Any Income-Related element of Employment & Support Allowance (most up to date letter you have).... | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Universal Credit statement confirming that "take-home pay" does not exceed £1,778..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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(we can only accept the types of evidence listed below, please give a copy as originals cannot be returned)

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| 1) One of the documents described in numbers 1, 2, 3 above..... | Please tick
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Universal Credit statement confirming that "take-home pay" does not exceed £850..... | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- 8** **DECLARATION** - I declare the above information is true and complete, and understand that to give false information may lead to the council taking action to recover money as deemed necessary. I understand that any supporting evidence given with this form will not be returned to me.

I consent to my benefit entitlement being checked with the Housing Benefit Section of West Lothian Council to verify eligibility to Free School Meals and/or a School Clothing Grant. You can withdraw this consent to the disclosure of such information at any time by writing to Education Benefits, West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6FF

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Please see back page of this form for more services/organisations that can offer assistance and money advice

If you are having difficulty supplying any documentation listed above, please contact us

Please return completed application with proof of benefit to;

Education Benefits, West Lothian Civic Centre
 Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6FF

Contact details

email: EducationBenefits@westlothian.gov.uk

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JobcentrePlus Non Taxable Benefits	JobcentrePlus Stamp	
Please tick which benefit applicant is in receipt of, then sign below and stamp opposite <input type="checkbox"/> Income support / Pension Credit <input type="checkbox"/> Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance <input type="checkbox"/> Employment & Support Allowance – Income Related <input type="checkbox"/> Universal Credit – take-home pay between £0 and £850 per month <input type="checkbox"/> Universal Credit – take-home pay between £851 and £1,778 per month	<i>please stamp</i>	
	<i>please sign</i>	<i>please date</i>

Other services/organisations you may be interested in

Name	Website	What they do (see website for more info)
West Lothian Council Advice Shop	www.westlothian.gov.uk/advice-shop	<p>If you would like a benefit check to make sure you are receiving your full benefit entitlement or would like more information about what other types of financial support may be available for you and your family then please get in touch with the Advice Shop on 01506 283000 option 5 or e-mail Advice.Shop@westlothian.gov.uk</p> <p>More information is available on www.westlothian.gov.uk/advice-shop</p>
Cost of Living Hub West Lothian	www.westlothian.gov.uk/costofliving	See what other kinds of help may be available to you
Education Maintenance Allowance	www.westlothian.gov.uk/ema	£30 per week paid to students staying on at school beyond the school leaving age
2 Year Old Provision	www.westlothian.gov.uk	Your child is eligible for 600 hours of ELC provision from the start of the first term after their 2 nd birthday, if you are the child's parent/carer and you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit (see website for list)
Crisis Grant	www.westlothian.gov.uk	May be awarded in a crisis to meet expenses that have arisen as a result of an emergency or disaster in order to avoid an immediate threat to health or safety. Examples of items that can be awarded are help with food and fuel costs
The School Bank West Lothian	www.schoolbank-westlothian.org	School can make referral on behalf of parent/guardian for clothing, footwear & stationery
Healthy Start Scheme	www.healthystart.nhs.uk	You may get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, plain fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, and infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins.
River Kids	www.riverkids.org.uk	They supply toys to West Lothian's most disadvantaged children by supplying the toy that enables them to play.