



LMDC

Charity for Licensed Ministers  
in the Diocese of Chelmsford

*(formerly known as the Essex Clergy Charity Corporation)*

*Registered Charity Number: 239238*

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## Annual Family Grants 2024

Dear Colleague,

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

*Clothing Grants* will be paid in July if applications are received by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

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 Deans and can also be downloaded from the Charity's website.

The value of the grants may 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 £47,133

- **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 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 £39,278

- **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, Honorary Secretary to the Charity

*In addition to the above, the Charity also gives Birth Grants; Retirement Grants; Death Grants; Widows' Grants; Grants in times of Emergency; Compassionate Grants; and, through our Archdeacons, Grants towards Family Holidays. See Website for details: <https://www.lmdccharity.org.uk>*

## **LMDC Charity - Grant Application**

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**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 £39,278

OR: I certify that the gross income of myself and my spouse in the last financial year was between £39,278 and £47,133

**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/Universal Credit)*

**Signature**..... Date .....

Name.....Telephone .....

Address .....

Parish No:..... 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 <sup>st</sup> August	School Year (beginning Sept. 2024)	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 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

***FINAL CLOSING DATE for ALL applications is 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST***

***All grants will be paid by BACS. Please complete all the details above; your bank details below; your name & postal address in the box; and, either 'sign' the form electronically before printing, or sign it when you have printed it, and then send the paper copy by post to the address overleaf.***

Name and Address written here:

Name & Branch of Your Bank: .....

Sort Code: .....

Account Number: .....

Actual Name on Bank Account (e.g. Rev A N Other)

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