



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 2026

Dear Clergy,

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.

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

The Closing Date for Grant Applications is September 15 2026.

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.

GRANTS AVAILABLE IF COMBINED INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED £50,005

- **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 being 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 £41,671

- **CHILDREN'S GRANTS** can be claimed if the child is below 18 years of age on September 1 2026 and not earning his or her own living. Child aged 0-5: £80, aged 6-10: £120, aged 11-17: £200

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Dulwich

Honorary Treasurer 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.lmdcccharity.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)

Please tick: I certify that the gross income of myself and my spouse in the last financial year was below £41,671

Or: I certify that the gross income of myself and my spouse in the last financial year was between £41,671 and £50,005

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

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 September 1	School Year (beginning Sept. 2026)	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 applications is September 15 2026

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 e-mail to mfdulwich@hotmail.co.uk or return by post to Mr Malcolm Dulwich, 6 Briar Road, Woodlands Park, GREAT DUNMOW, Essex, CM6 1ZL

Name and Address

Bank:

Sort Code:

Account Number:

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

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