

Educational Assistance for Protestant Children

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Grants Awarding Body	Contact Details	Eligibility
Secondary Education Committee (S.E.C.) Main grant awarding body	Secondary Education Committee, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D06CF67 Tel: 01 5514693 Email: info@secgrant.ie Website: www.secgrant.ie	Four eligibility criteria: Child is a member of a Protestant Denomination. Child accepted place at SEC school. Family resident in Ireland at time of registering and taxpayer in assessable year. If boarding, family home is greater than 20km from the school.
Benjamin Moore Memorial Fund	Rev. Ian. D. Henderson, Honorary Secretary, Doorin Cottage, Munterneese, Mountcharles Co. Donegal, F94 P3F9. Tel: 074 97 44687 Email: ian.henderson46@yahoo.com	Residency in Co. Cavan or Co. Monaghan. Grants available for secondary education and third level education (provided applicants have previously received a grant from the Fund for secondary education).
Bertrand and Rutland Fund	Mr Michael J Sparksman 45 St Fintan's Park, Sutton, Dublin 13 Tel: 086 828 7192	Children of Protestant parents (at least one parent to be Protestant).

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Bishop Hodson's Endowment	Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocesan Office c/o The Royal School Cavan, College Street, Cavan, H12 AY10 Tel: +353 49 5559954 Email: office@kilmore.anglican.org	Church of Ireland Diocese of Elphin.
Bishop Stearne's Charities	Rev Dr MC Kennedy, Registrar for the Bishop Stearne's Charities, 8 Vicar's Hill, Armagh, BT61 7ED	Annual grants towards educating, apprenticing, or otherwise advancing life of sons and daughters of clergy of the Church of Ireland.
Chetewode's and Stearne's Charity	Darlene Reilly – Honorary Secretary Dunganny Trim Co Meath C15 CK31	Provides educational assistance to children and young people who are of Protestant Religion, reside in Co. Meath and who are in circumstances to require assistance.
Clergy Support Trust	Below are links with information on grants from Clergy Support Trust Education Clergy Support Trust Grants Clergy Support Trust	Families of serving Anglican clergy in the Church of Ireland. Education grants are offered to priority families only. Any support for education falls under means-tested Wellbeing Support Grants (which are not available to all). Education psychologist assessments are open to all under the Health Grants.

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Drogheda Blue School Fund	Dr Carlos McDowell, Verbena, Baltray, Drogheda, A92VX84 Email: carlosmcdowell4@gmail.com	Protestant families living in the Drogheda area (must live within 16km of St Peter's).
Erasmus Smith Scholarship	Jonathan Ellis Email: registrar@erasmusmith.ie	Protestant children resident in Clare, Galway, Limerick, Mayo or Sligo, attend a Protestant boarding school of their choice and must be in receipt of a full SEC grant. Also seeks to support Protestant children in second level education at the High School, Dublin and is available to families who qualify for a grant from the Secondary Education Committee.
Harding Trust	Harding Trust, c/o Administrator, POS Children's and Young Adults' Education Fund, The Church Cottage, Kilternan Parish Church of Ireland, Enniskerry Road, Dublin 18 Tel: 087 978 9598 Email: cefadmin@poscyaef.org	The Harding Trust provides grants to young adults of limited means for apprenticeships, training and further education. Applicants must commence or have commenced their course before the age of 25 years. Enquiries are welcome from applicants nationwide. Grants are awarded on a non-denominational basis.
Irish Clergy Sons' Educational Society	Irish Clergy Sons' Educational Society, c/o Protestant Aid, 202A Merrion Road,	The Irish Clergy Sons Society helps fund the secondary school education of sons of Church of Ireland clergy, including

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	Dublin 4, D04 R9W8 Tel: 01 668 4298 Email: info@protestantaid.org	assistance with fees and related expenses. Application forms are available by email in June each year.
Kirwan House	Kirwan House, c/o Protestant Aid, 202A Merrion Road, Dublin 4, D04 R9W8 Tel: 01 668 4298 info@protestantaid.org	Support available towards school fees for second-level students. At least one parent should be of the Protestant faith while applicant children must be baptised and either confirmed or intending to go forward for confirmation. Applicants should be in receipt of (or eligible for) the SEC grant.
Maurice Trust	Ms Sally Walker, Maurice Trust, 28 Mountain View, Crinken Glen, Shankill, Dublin 14	Clergy, clergy widows and clergy families.
Margaret West Exhibition	Mr Des Lowry, Magaret West Exhibition, Creeve, Ballyhaise, Co Cavan Tel: 049 4331255	Ardagh Diocese.
Masonic Charities	https://freemason.ie/charity/	Means tested grants for the family members of freemasons.

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Norman Scholarship Fund	The Warden, Norman Scholarship Fund, St Columba's College, Kilmashogue Lane, Whitechurch, Dublin 16, D16 CH92 Tel: 01 490 6791 Email: warden@stcolumbas.ie	Children of Church of Ireland clergy attending St Columba's College.
Protestant Aid	Mr David Webb, Protestant Aid, 202A Merrion Road, Dublin 4, D04 R9W8 Tel: 01 668 4298 Email: info@protestantaid.org	This programme is intended to support school fees for second level students (or day boarding expenses for schools that are part of the free education system). Applicants should be in receipt of (or eligible for) the SEC grant.
The Governors of Wilson's Hospital School	Kristo Dawson (Boarding Admin), Wilson's Hospital School, Heathlands, Multyfarnham, Co Westmeath, N91 AX97 Tel: 044 937 1115 Email: accounts@whs.ie	Protestant pupils from and residing in County Laois attending Wilson's Hospital School or other secondary schools under protestant management (To encourage deserving and capable pupils, requiring assistance to continue their education at these schools).
POS Children's Education Fund	Administrator, POS Children's and Young Adults' Education Fund, The Church Cottage, Kilternan Parish Church of Ireland, Enniskerry Road, Dublin 18 Tel: 087 978 9598	The Protestant Orphan Society fund provides financial assistance for children within the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough, where one or both of their parents have died, for living and education expenses. The denomination of the child or of the surviving parent is not an issue in the

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	Email: cefadmin@poscayaef.org Website: www.poscayaef.org	allocation of a grant so long as one of the parents is, or was, a Protestant.
Ralph Macklin Grant (inc. Loves & Gardiners Charity)	Secretary, D&G Board of Education, Dublin & Glendalough Diocesan Office, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6 Email: dgbofed@gmail.com	Member of the Church of Ireland, resident in the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough.
Religious Society of Friends Dublin only	Ms Catherine Bell	Members / Attenders of the Religious Society of Friends.
Royal Drummond Institution	Royal Drummond Institution, 26 South Frederick St, Dublin 2 Email: roi.branch@ssafa.org.uk	Financial assistance towards the education of daughters and sons (after all girl's applications have been considered), up to the age of 30 years, of serving, retired or deceased members of the Armed Services of the United Kingdom up to undergraduate third level courses. Masters degrees are not eligible.
SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Association)	SSAFA, 26 South Frederick St, Dublin 2 Email: roi.branch@ssafa.org.uk	Veterans of the British Armed Forces and their dependents aged under 18 (children over the age of 18 are not eligible).

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Sandy Martin Trust	Rt Rev IW Ellis, Bishop of Clogher, The See House, 152A Ballagh Road Fivemiletown, Co Tyrone, BT75 0QP Tel: 028 6634 7879 Email: bishop@clogher.org	Protestant children resident in Co. Monaghan.
St Stephen's Protestant Orphan Society	c/o St Fin Barre's Cathedral, St Nicholas' House, 14 Cove Street, Cork Email: grants@corkchurchofireland.org	
The Claremont Trust	The Claremont Trust, c/o Protestant Aid, 202A Merrion Road, Dublin 4, D04 R9W8 Tel: 01 6684298 Email: info@protestantaid.org	Educational support is available to individuals (6-21) with hearing or speech impairments. Assistance may cover school fees and/or other costs associated with education.
The Meath Trust	The Meath Trust, c/o Administrator POS Children's and Young Adults' Education Fund, The Church Cottage, Kilternan Parish Church of Ireland, Enniskerry Road, Dublin 18 Tel: 087 978 9598 Email: cefaadmin@poscayaeef.org	The Meath Trust provides grants towards the education of children in need who are not orphans. The Trust has a traditional emphasis on the city of Dublin. The denomination of the child or of the surviving parent is not an issue in the allocation of a grant so long as one of the parents is, or was, a Protestant.
Trench Memorial Fund (Ardagh Clergy Sons)	Mr Des Lowry, Creeve, Ballyhaise, Co Cavan Tel: 049 4331255	Ardagh clergy sons

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The Incorporated Society of Schools	Mr Robin George, The Church Cottage, Kilternan Parish, Enniskerry Road, Dublin 18 Tel: 01 4125609 (Dr Ken Fennelly, Honorary Secretary of the Incorporated Society) Email: robin.george@theincorporatedsociety.ie	Scholarship exam each year for intending pupils of Bandon Grammar School, Dundalk Grammar School, Kilkenny College and Sligo Grammar School. Details can be obtained from schools concerned and from Mr. Robin George.
School for Educating Daughters of the Irish Clergy	Mrs Caroline Cummins, 7 The Avenue, Rathdale, Enfield, Co. Meath, A83 TY06 Email: info@clergydaughters.ie	Stipendiary Clergy Daughters' who are in Secondary Schools (1st - 6th Year) or in Primary Degree courses in Third Level Colleges. Grants are given at the discretion of the Managing Committee.
Tuam Killala and Achonry Diocesan Board of Education	Frances Hill Thornburgh (Secretary to the Board) Furey's Cottage, Church Hill, Clifden, Co Galway Tel: 087 2844687 Email: Kelhill@hotmail.com	Fee Grants for Church of Ireland pupils attending Protestant Managed Secondary Schools who are receiving a SEC grant. Transport for Primary School pupils who do not otherwise have access to transport to Church of Ireland primary schools. Book Grants for pupils attending Protestant Managed Secondary Schools Discretionary Grants in certain circumstances.
Waterford and Bishop Foy Charity	Gerald Jephson, 16 Parnell Street, Waterford, X91 H2DK Tel: 051 854438 Email: bishop.foy.endowed.schools@gmail.com	Protestant children attending secondary school under Protestant management and residing within 80kms (50 miles) of Waterford GPO.

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William Glynn Fund	The Treasurer, WMM Funds Committee, Quaker Meeting House, 61 Newtown, Waterford, X91 C66E Email: wmmfunds@gmail.com	The fund is available to Newtown School Students that are Quakers, have Quaker parents, or are children of past pupils of the school.
Ardagh Diocesan Board of Education	Mr Des Lowry, Creeve, Ballyhaise, Co Cavan Tel: 049 4331255	Church of Ireland children of Ardagh Diocese.
Armagh Diocesan Board of Education	Mr Tom Duncan, Honorary Secretary of the Armagh Diocesan Board of Education Email: tomandroberta@hotmail.com	The Armagh Diocesan Board of Education awards grants to families who live within the Armagh Diocese to assist with the education of the children. These grants are normally awarded by the Board to families where one or both parents have died. Applications are made through the Rector of their Parish who endorses the application form available from the secretary of the Board. The application form requires details of family income and expenditure and the form is considered by the Board. After this consideration, the Board may or may not make an award.

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Higher Education Trust of the Diocesan Board of Education	Dr Chris Ashley, Diocesan Office, St Nicholas' House, 14 Cove Street, Cork, T12 RP40 Email: office@corkchurchofireland.com	Grants for living expenses to graduates of Ashton School, Bandon Grammar School and Midleton College who are living away from home during their studies.
Ferns Diocesan Board of Education	Ferns Diocesan Board of Education, c/o The Diocesan Office, The Palace Coach House, Church Lane, Kilkenny Tel: 056 7761910	Church of Ireland children of Ferns Diocese in 1st year of secondary education. Only one grant per family.
Kilmore Diocesan Board of Education	Mr Des Lowry, Creeve, Ballyhaise, Co Cavan Tel: 049 433 1255	Church of Ireland children of the Kilmore Diocese
Methodist Board of Education	Rev Ruth Matthews, Ministerial Treasurer and Chaplain at Wesley College, Wesley College, Ballinteer, Dublin 16, D16 NX73 Tel: 087 4151435 Email: ruth.matthews@irishmethodist.org	Small grants for educational purposes generally to Methodist pupils attending fee-paying Protestant schools in the Republic of Ireland. Grants are not normally paid in Northern Ireland, but any enquiries could be directed to anita.gracie@irishmethodist.org .

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Schools are a valuable source of knowledge about availability of funds. Many schools have scholarships and bursaries and some offer discounts for children of the clergy.

Voluntary Secondary Schools under Protestant Management

Alexandra College	Alexandra College, Milltown Road, Milltown, Dublin 6 Tel: 01 4977571 Email: info@alexandracollege.ie
Bandon Grammar School	Bandon Grammar School, Clancool More, Bandon, Co. Cork, P72 FD36 Tel: 023 8841713 Email: office@bgsmail.ie
Drogheda Grammar School	Drogheda Grammar School, Mornington Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth Tel: 041 9838281 Email: info@droghedagrammarschool.ie
Dundalk Grammar School	Dundalk Grammar School, The Crescent, Dundalk, Co Louth, A91 FH00 Tel: 042 9334459 Email: admin@dgs.ie , bursar@dgs.ie
The High School	The High School, Zion Road, Dublin 6 Tel: 01 4922611 Email: office@highschool.ie
Kilkenny College	Kilkenny College, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny, R95 CF61 Tel: 056 77 61544 Email: info@kilkennycollege.ie
The Kings' Hospital	The King's Hospital, Palmerstown, Dublin 20, D20 V256 Tel: 01 6436500 Email: reception@thekingshospital.ie
Midleton College	Midleton College, Connolly Street, Midleton, Co Cork, P25 F898 Tel: 021 4631146 Email: office@midletoncollege.ie

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Monaghan Collegiate	Monaghan Collegiate School, Corlatt, Monaghan, Co Monaghan, H18 X027 Tel: 047-82060 Email: office@monaghncollegiateschool.ie
Newtown School	Newtown School, Newtown Road, Waterford, X91 XR20 Tel: 051 860 200 Email: info@newtownschool.ie
Rathdown School	Rathdown School, Upper Glenageary Road, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, A96 NX44 Tel: 01 285 3133 Email: admin@rathdownschool.ie
Royal School Cavan	Royal School Cavan, College St, Cavan, H12 AY10 Tel: 049 436 1605 Email: info@royalschoolcavan.ie
St Andrew's College	St. Andrew's College, Booterstown Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, A94 XN72 Tel: 01 288 2785 Email: information@st-andrews.ie
St Columba's College	St Columba's College, Whitechurch, Dublin 16, D16 CH92 Tel: 01 490 6791 Email: reception@stcolumbas.ie
St Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School	St Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School, St Patrick's Close, Dublin 8, D08 WK19 Tel: 01 4543388 Email: admin@spcgs.ie

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Sandford Park	Sandford Park School, Ranelagh, Dublin 6, D06 FN29 Tel: 01 497 1417 Email: admin@sandfordparkschool.ie, bursar@sandfordparkschool.ie
Sligo Grammar School	Sligo Grammar School, The Mall, Sligo Tel: (0)71 9143531 / 9145010 Email: admin@sligogrammarschool.org
Sutton Park School	Sutton Park school, St Fintan's Road, Sutton, Dublin 13, D13 PY92 Tel: 01 832 2940 Email: info@sps.ie
Temple Carraig School	Temple Carraig School, Blacklion, Greystones, Co Wicklow, A63 KT20 Tel: 01-2873610
Villiers School	Villiers School, North Circular Road, Limerick, V94 F983 Tel: 061 451 447 Email: info@villiers-school.com
Wesley College	Wesley College, Ballinteer, Dublin 16, D16 NX73 Tel: 01 2987066 Email: info@wesleycollege.ie
Wilson's Hospital School	Wilson's Hospital School, Heathland, Co Westmeath, N91 AX97 Tel: 044 937 1115 Email: reception@whs.ie

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The Protestant Comprehensive Schools

Ashton School	Ashton School, Blackrock Road, Ballintemple, Cork, T12 AF50 Email: office@ashton.ie
East Glendalough School	East Glendalough School, Station Road, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow, A67 PC52 Tel: 0404-69608 Email: info@egs.ie
Mount Temple School	Mount Temple Comprehensive School, Malahide Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3, D03 DX79 Tel: 01-833 6984 Email: info@mounttemple.ie
Newpark School	Newpark Comprehensive School, Newtownpark Ave, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, A94 EV70 Tel: 01 2883724 Email: office@newparkschool.ie
Royal & Prior School	Royal & Prior School, Raphoe, Co. Donegal Tel: 074-9145389 Email: admin@royalandprior.ie