

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS and CLOTHING GRANTS**

### **What is a Clothing Grant?**

A Clothing Grant is a discretionary grant given by the Local Authority toward the costs of clothing and footwear for children to attend school. The grant is a standard amount per child, although the amount may vary from year to year.

### **Can a child attending Nursery get a clothing grant?**

No, the earliest stage your child can get a grant is after he/she has been enrolled for Primary 1. The grant will not be paid before April of the year he/she starts Primary 1.

### **Who is entitled to Free School Meals and Clothing Grants?**

Free School Meals and a Clothing Grant is provided to children whose parent/carer receive either:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, is below £16,105
- Parents or carers who are in receipt of both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income below the threshold for receipt of maximum Working Tax Credit, currently set by the UK Government at £6,420
- Support under Part VI – Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

### **How do I apply for Free School Meals or a Clothing Grant?**

Application Forms are available from schools or from the Council Access Points. You can also submit an application online at [www.moray.gov.uk](http://www.moray.gov.uk)

### **How is the Clothing Grant paid?**

The grant is paid directly by cheque to the parent or carer who has signed the application form.

## **EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES (EMA)**

### **What is an EMA?**

EMA is a weekly allowance of £30 per week (not paid during school holidays), which can be paid directly to eligible young people who stay on at school, attend further education, or take part in Activity Agreements after they reach the statutory leaving age of 16.

### **Who is eligible for an EMA?**

Eligibility is dependent on household income during the tax year April 2015 - March 2016, and on whether there is more than one child in full time education:

- Families with more than 1 child in full-time education:-

<u>Household income</u>	<u>Weekly EMA</u>
£26,884 or below	£30
£26,885 or over	No award

- Families with a single child in full-time education:-

<u>Household income</u>	<u>Weekly EMA</u>
£24,421 or below	£30
£24,422 or over	No award

### **How do I apply for an EMA?**

EMAs will be available in August 2016 to pupils who were born between 1 March 1997 and 30 September 2000.

EMAs will be available in January 2017 to pupils who were born between 1 October 2000 and 28 February 2001.

Application forms are available at every secondary school, and at the Council Access Points. You can also complete an application online at [www.moray.gov.uk](http://www.moray.gov.uk) which you can then print and submit.

Please note that students at further education colleges should contact the college directly for an EMA Application Form.

### **How is the EMA paid?**

EMA is a fortnightly payment, paid directly into the young person's bank account.

Payments are made following 100% attendance at Moray schools. Pupils must agree and adhere to Learning Agreements.

## EDUCATIONAL TRUSTS

The **Banffshire Educational Trust** and **Moray & Nairn Trust**, administered by The Moray Council, include grants payable to persons ordinarily resident in the former counties of Banffshire, Moray & Nairn.

Grants are available for educational excursions and travel as well as bursaries for attending universities and further education colleges.

Grants from the **John Pringle Bequest** are available to former pupils of Elgin Academy who are studying at Aberdeen University.

The **Donald Manson Bequest** provides bursaries to 1<sup>st</sup> year pupils at Forres Academy who live in the Parish of Edinkillie and the Burgh of Forres. At present there are 2 vacancies for pupils living in the Parish of Edinkillie and 1 vacancy for a pupil living in the Burgh of Forres. There is also a bursary available for a student at a Further Education College who is aged under 18.

The closing date for applications to the above Trusts is 30 September each year.

Application forms are available from Education & Social Care (telephone 01343 563374).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
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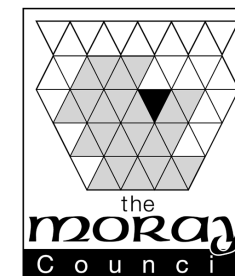
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