

# Winter Fuel Grant Application Form 2013

- Please complete all sections and enclose supporting documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Large print versions of this application form are available on request.
- The Trustees reserve the right to make appropriate enquiries to verify the information provided.
- Only ONE application per household will be considered and the maximum grant is £40. Cheques will be made payable to the applicant.
- There is a limited amount in the Winter Fuel Grants fund and once exhausted no further awards can be made. Priority will be given to those that did not receive a grant in 2012.
- Members who are in receipt of the government's winter fuel payment will receive 50% of the maximum grant available (£20).
- Your application must be received no later than 28 February 2013 and decisions will be communicated in writing after the closing date.

## Personal Details

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Name  Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other

Address   
 Postcode

Email

Contact telephone no.

UNISON Branch

Membership No\*

Date joined UNISON\*

\* You can contact UNISON Direct on 0845 355 0845 if you do not have this information

## Members of Household And Their Income

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Do you have a partner?  Yes  No

Number of people in the household:  Working adults  Non-working adults  Children

Please include all sources of income (net salaries – after deduction of tax, national insurance, superannuation and trade union subscriptions only) received by all members of the household. Do not include Child Benefit and Disability Living Allowance which are ignored as income for this grants programme.

## Am I Eligible For A Winter Fuel Grant?

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Please confirm that the following apply to you (and your partner if applicable):

**Tick all that are appropriate**

- I/We do not have savings in excess of £800
- No one in my household has received a grant from UNISON Welfare in the last six months
- Household net income (excluding Child Benefit and Disability Living Allowance) is less than £18,000 pa.  
**You will not be eligible for a grant if your household NET income is greater than £18,000**

Now provide the following information:

- a) Your monthly net income (including benefits, tax credits, charitable payments, etc but excluding Child Benefit and Disability Living Allowance)
- Partner monthly net income (if applicable)
- Total per month**
- b) Now multiply your total monthly income by 12
- Total net annual income**

**If the total amount received is more than £18,000 you will not be eligible for this scheme**

## Declaration

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I confirm that the information I have given truly reflects my current financial position. I also confirm that I am struggling to pay my winter fuel bill(s). I understand that failure to provide the required supporting documentation will mean my application cannot be considered.

I have enclosed the following documents **(Please submit copies as we cannot return any paperwork)**

- Latest bank statement(s) showing confirmation of all income received (please highlight)
- Latest payslip for you (and partner if applicable)
- Separate confirmation of any income that is not shown on the bank statement

**YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THESE DOCUMENTS**

Signed

Date

Data Protection: All personal information will be held in confidence by There for You for the purposes of assessing this application, in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998. A full copy of the data protection policy of the organisation is available on request.

**Please return your application form to:**

There for You, UNISON Centre, 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY by the closing date

# Help Us To Campaign Against Fuel Poverty

We would ask all applicants to complete the following short survey. If however you are happy to complete this on-line it will assist us with processing applications more quickly. You can indicate your willingness to do this by ticking the box below.

Please email me the survey link

## What has been the impact on you and your family as a result of increasing fuel prices?

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### 1. Do you take any of the following measures to save on heating costs:

- Avoid putting on the heating  Heat only the room(s) that you are using  
 Go to bed earlier  Wear extra clothes in bed  
 None of the above

### 2. If none of the above, have you had to cut back on any of the following to ensure you can keep warm:

- Food  Leisure  Clothing

Other – anything else you've had to cut back on

### 3. Is the health of any person in your household severely affected by your home being cold?

- Yes – if yes, please provide details in the box below  No

### 4. Are you or anyone in your household in receipt of Disability Living Allowance?

- Yes  No

## Paying your bills

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### 5. How do you pay your fuel bill?

- Direct debit  As and when a bill is received  Prepayment meter

### 6. Are you currently in debt to your fuel supplier(s)

- Yes  No

If yes, by how much?

- Less than £100  £100-£200  £200-£300  £300-£400  
 £400-£500  £500-£600  More than £600

## Energy efficiency and help with fuel costs

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7. Have you ever switched gas or electricity supplier and how long ago was this?

- Never switched                       In the last year                       Over a year ago

8. If you have never tried switching or gave up why was this?

- Too much hassle
- Comparing prices on inaccurate information e.g. bills are based on estimated useage which has little bearing on actual useage
- Don't know how to switch

9. Have you made the savings you expected from switching supplier and/or tariff?

- Yes                       No, prices stayed about the same                       No, prices increased

10. Are you familiar with the green deal scheme, which seeks to help households make their homes more energy efficient?

- Yes                       No

11. The green deal involves getting your home assessed for a range of improvements, such as insulation, draught-proofing and double-glazing. Payment for these improvements is made over time through your energy bills. Would you be interested in such a scheme?

- Yes                       No

## Other

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12. Do you have any other concerns now that we are in winter?

- Yes – if yes, please provide details in the box below                       No

13. Although your answers will be kept anonymous, occasionally we may use case studies to illustrate the financial difficulties faced by members on low income. Would you be willing to be interviewed or share your experience?

- Yes                       No

UNISON Membership number

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions, your contribution is much appreciated.