

# Winter Fuel Grant Application Form 2012

- Please read carefully and complete all sections as 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.

## Eligibility

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.

## Personal Details

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

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, benefits, tax credits, charitable payments, etc.) 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.

Total net annual household Income  £

[Please refer to section on 'Supporting Documentation']

## Fuel Supplier

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Name of fuel supplier

Account Ref

How do you pay your fuel costs?  Direct Debit  On receipt of bill  Key Meter

### Supporting Documents

Please ensure that the following documents are enclosed with the application (copies are preferable as we cannot guarantee safe return of any originals):

- 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**

### Important Information For All Applicants

- Grants are limited to a maximum of £50 per household and cheques will be made payable to the fuel supplier in all cases other than where payment is by a key/card meter.
- There is a limited amount in the Winter Fuel Grants fund and once exhausted no further awards can normally be made. Only ONE application per household will be considered.
- To be considered for a grant, your application must be received no later than 29 February 2012
- Decisions will be communicated in writing after the closing date.

## 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.

Signed

Date

Data Protection: All personal information will be held in confidence by UNISON Welfare 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:

UNISON Welfare, UNISON Centre, 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY by 29th February 2012

Applications received after this date will not be considered

## Further Information

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Now that you have completed the application form, we would appreciate you taking the time to answer a few additional questions.

Please note that the information you provide here will not be used in deciding whether to award a grant. Neither are you required to complete this section. We are simply taking the opportunity to gain a better insight of the problems members are facing in relation to increasing fuel costs and how they are coping.

1. What has been the impact on you and your family as a result of increasing fuel prices?  
For example, has it affected how you use energy in your home, the children, health etc.

2. Have you been forced to cut back on other essential items, such as food and clothing?

Yes  No

3. Anything else that you've had to cut back on?

4. How difficult is it to keep your home warm when it's cold?

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

6. If you have never switched supplier – why not?

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

8. And lastly, 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

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