



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year the Department of Education & Skills allocates a grant to this school to enable us to give assistance towards the purchase of school textbooks for students in need. The level of assistance available depends on the number of students eligible for support, the course being followed by the student and the level of the grant which the school received. Eligibility of Pupils is as per Department of Education and Science Circular Letter 0049/2008. Given the

The Book Grant Scheme applies to needy pupils in schools. "Pupils eligible for assistance under this scheme would include pupils from a family where there is genuine hardship because of unemployment, prolonged illness of a parent, large family size with inadequate means, single parenthood or other family circumstances (such as substance abuse), which might indicate a similar degree of financial hardship."

The Department of Education and Skills guidelines define a needy student as one from a family where there is:

- Genuine hardship because of unemployment/short time working
- Prolonged illness of a parent
- Large family size with inadequate means
- Single Parent families
- Other family circumstances indicating financial hardship. Indications of inadequate financial means include:
 - Families dependent on Social Welfare
 - Families eligible for Family Income Supplement (FIS) or the Back to School Clothing & Footwear Scheme.
 - Families experiencing financial hardship because of particular circumstances.

Please Note: Entitlement to a medical card does not necessarily indicate eligibility. In order to enable the school to allocate the Book Grant in the fairest way possible, we request parents/guardians who fulfil the criteria above to complete the Book Grant Application Form and return same by Post to Accounts, Rice College, New Road, Ennis by Friday, 9th August 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Louis Mulqueen
Secretary to the Board of Management



Rice College, (An Edmund Rice School), New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

- Those who wish to apply for aid should return this form to the Secretary of BOM, Rice College by **Friday, 9th of August, 2024**
- Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.
- Application must be received on this form ONLY.
- Voucher system is run in conjunction with O'Mahony's Bookshop Ennis.
- If certain books have already been purchased then specific receipts must be submitted with this application form.
- All information will be held in the strictest confidence.

BOOK GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEEDY STUDENTS

Parents'/ Guardians' Name:			
Address:			
Email Address:			
Student's Name:		Year:	
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Please X the reason for the application:			
Hardship due to unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Illness of Parent/Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large family/Inadequate Means	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Parent Family	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Other Circumstances of Hardship	<input type="checkbox"/>		
* Please expand:			

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Please X the grant option appropriate to your needs:					
Voucher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refund	<input type="checkbox"/>	Combination	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please list below the books for which the grant is sought:					
Book				Cost	

I / We wish to apply for a book grant towards the cost of textbooks for the school year 2024/25

Signed:

Date:

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