

PUBLIC FUNDS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Ukrainian refugees have recourse to public funds and can apply for them if they meet the eligibility criteria:

- Universal Credit (where monthly earned income is not more than £625)
 - Income Support:
 - Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
 - Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, and if income is less than £16,105 both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit and have an income of up to £7,500
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Free school meals and clothing grants

Getting free lunches if they're not getting benefits or tax credits

They might still get Free School Meals and a Clothing Grant if they're experiencing financial hardship, such as waiting for their first Universal Credit notice.

Applications for Clothing Grants normally close at the end of March, but it is possible to apply for awards for Ukrainian children enrolled at school after this date.

THE AWARD

Each award is valid for one school year. The award provides:

- free school meals
- payment for lunches during school holidays
- free milk
- a clothing grant payment of £120 for each primary child and £150 for each secondary child, paid once a year into your bank account (or by Paypoint voucher to your mobile phone if you don't have a bank account)
- Scottish Child Bridging Payments

The award is available for **children attending primary and secondary schools**. They are not available to children in early years settings. Only one application form is required to apply for these grants.

[Apply Online](#)

OTHER SUPPORT WITH SCHOOL CLOTHING

The [Edinburgh Police Fund](#) for Children helps families buy school footwear and jackets. Grants are normally up to £50 per child. Applications to the Fund are normally made through a third party e.g. social worker, support worker, community nurse,

head teacher, police officer etc. Families can self-refer if they do not have a suitable third party worker who could do this on their behalf. In such cases, an assessment visit from a Police Officer would take place.

To apply for a grant please [complete the online application form](#).

[Edinburgh School Uniform Bank](#) provides new school uniforms for children in families in financial hardship. Referrals for uniform are only taken from professionals (teachers, social workers, health visitors, family support workers and others) for children they know who attend a City of Edinburgh school. The Edinburgh School Uniform Bank also provides batches of excellent quality nearly-new school uniform to schools and community groups for them to pass on to local families. Ask your school, youth club or community group about this.

[Find out more about support available.](#)