

Education Support Fund 2018: FAQ

How much can I apply for?

You can apply for any amount up to €1000 to be spent on one of the three categories:

1. Educational Equipment
Example: books, laptop, art materials, musical instrument
2. Educational Supports/Assessments
Example: educational assessments, speech and language therapy
3. Extra-Curricular Educational Activities
Example: a course, camp or activity that serves to improve a student's performance in a school subject e.g. language camp, art course, music lessons

How do I apply?

Please complete the online application form (available on the ELI website) by Friday 4th May 2018.

Application forms may be completed by:

- Students (depending on age)
 - Parents/Guardians of the child/young person
 - Teacher/Educator on behalf of a parent/student with their full agreement*
- *In this case, the teacher/youth worker should also be named in the application form

How will I be selected?

ELI staff will not be involved in the selection process and will make no decisions on who will receive a grant from the Education Support Fund. Applications will be reviewed in Early May by an independent panel of volunteers drawn from ELI's corporate partners who will rate applications on the following criteria:

- Level of need or negative impact of not receiving the grant on their educational opportunities
- No history of extended family engagement in education e.g. parents were early school leavers
- Immediate benefit to candidate's education
- Understanding of the long-term benefit and impact of this grant on their educational opportunities
- A clear commitment to staying in education and pursuing a career in the future

Please note that candidates may also be required to attend an interview.

Terms and Conditions

- Employees of National College of Ireland and their immediate family members cannot apply
- Candidates may be required to provide proof of address and/or a reference
- Successful candidates will be photographed by the Early Learning Initiative Office - these photographs may appear in ELI publications and on the NCI website
- Funding is not guaranteed and successful applicants will need to reapply each year
- Successful applicants must be able to provide documentation (receipts, invoices, etc) to prove purchases made with the awarded funds
- ELI involvement is not a requirement of funding
- ELI will not be contacting applicants who send in incomplete forms
- The decision of the Early Learning Initiative Office will be final

Further Information

For further information, please email Education Support Fund Administrator, Maja Krpeta:

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