



IST YEAR BOOK GRANT
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The Department of Education & Skills has not yet made funding available for the book grant for 2023/24. We expect to receive notification of this during the month of June when this will be distributed to those eligible as soon as possible in the form of book vouchers for The Book Haven Ashbourne/ Bookmark Ashbourne (formerly Eason Ashbourne)/Opening Minds Ashbourne.

1ST YEAR BOOK GRANT ALLOCATION FORM 2023-2024

This form should only be completed for students who will be entering into 1st Year (Junior Cycle) and will be eligible under the following criteria:-

- This scheme applies to needy pupils in schools in the free education scheme.
- A needy pupil is defined as a pupil 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 which would indicate a similar degree of financial hardship.

Such families may be divided into the following three categories

1. Families which are dependent mainly on social welfare payments;
2. Families on low incomes from employment. (Such families are likely to be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance or Family Income Supplement, which is a weekly cash payment by the Department of Social Protection to help families at work on low pay, or to be beneficiaries under the Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Scheme);
3. Families which are experiencing financial hardship because of particular circumstances in the home. (As the vast majority of needy pupils will fall within the first two categories, only a small proportion will come within this category.)

- **Entitlement to a medical card is not necessarily an indicator of eligibility**

This above list is in line with department of Education Circular 0023/2008 –“School Books Grant Scheme for Needy Pupils” available to view on the school’s website via <https://www.ashcom.ie/administration>

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1ST YEAR BOOK GRANT

The following form should be filled in carefully and signed, in order to establish whether or not you are eligible to receive payment under Department of Education & Skills Book Grant Allocation for the School Year 2023-24.

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Exact Nature of Employment: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Number of Children in the Family: _____

Number of Children in School or Unemployed: _____

Do you hold a Medical Card? Yes No

Medical Card No:- _____ Medical Card Expiry Date: _____

(This will need to be verified by producing it at the school office for photocopying)

Are you in receipt of Social Welfare Payments? Yes No

If so write down the Social Welfare Heading under which you are in receipt e.g. Jobseekers Allowance/Family Income Supplement/Deserted Spouse, Widow/Widower etc. and supply backup documentation in support of receipt of this payment (i.e. recent receipt, letter etc.).

Social Welfare Heading: _____

Are there any other specific family circumstances causing you financial hardship?
If so please explain them fully hereunder:

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Phone No:- _____

**PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE
12 NOON ON FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE, 2023.**