

THE CHESTER CLERGY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

This trust was launched in 2000 by the Bishop of Chester and other founding Trustees in order to augment the support for families of clergy and licensed lay workers in the Diocese of Chester which was available from other sources. The objects are stated in the trust deed as follows:

1. The relief of need, hardship and distress among the families of clergy and of licensed lay workers of the Church of England for the time being serving in the Diocese of Chester.
2. The promotion of the education of the families of clergy and of licensed lay workers of the Church of England for the time being serving in the Diocese of Chester, and who are in financial need.
3. The promotion of family life and recreation of the clergy and of licensed lay workers of the Church of England for the time being serving in the Diocese of Chester and their families, and who are in financial need.

The overall level of grants made by the Trust is currently up to £50K per year.

The Trustees will consider all applications which fall within the above criteria, but they have a particular desire to assist with educational and health-care costs where previously a fuller provision was made by the statutory authorities. Grants for holidays, and due to other needs, will be considered, but normally as a lower priority.

This Trust is not intended to replace the work in this Diocese of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, and other national trusts, to which application should be made where appropriate.

In order to consider an application, the Trustees will need to assess the degree of financial need which exists in the family concerned. For this reason, applicants will be asked to supply information on the application form which will be treated in strict confidence. It is recognised that bare figures do not always give the full picture, and applicants are invited to draw attention in an accompanying letter to particular features of their circumstances. Money set aside to purchase a retirement house would normally be discounted.

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