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Book Purchase Assistance Scheme

Fifth Year Students

(2024 - 2025)

Student's Name: _____ **Year/Class:** _____

The Department of Education and Skills provides a small grant towards the cost of books/e-books for students who have serious difficulty in funding their entire cost.

Eligibility

Families who are currently in receipt of a Department of Social Protection ***means tested*** welfare payment are eligible to apply for this scheme. (Please see some examples of eligible payments overleaf)

RECENT EVIDENCE OF SUCH A PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION FORM

How the Scheme Operates

- This scheme applies only to incoming Fifth Year students (2024 - 2025). Students repeating the Year are excluded.
 - The closing date for applications is **Friday, May 3rd, 2024**.
 - After the closing date the grant provided by the Department of Education and Skills will be divided equally among all the successful applicants.
 - Each student will then receive a credit for this amount in the School Bookshop. ***Late applicants will not receive any credit as the grant will have already been divided.***
 - The credit received *is unlikely to cover the full cost* of all books/e-books needed. Any shortfall must be funded by the student.
 - The books/e-books become the property of the student and need not be returned.
 - When students reach Sixth Year, they must fund the cost of any additional books/e-books needed.
 - **Fifth Year** students on this scheme will further benefit by paying a reduced School Charge of €50 (normally €100). The reduced charge of €50 must be paid AT THE TIME of application.
 - The reduced School Charge may be paid using the Online Payment system which can be accessed through the School website www.presentationcollegecarlow.com.
- Select: Book Purchase Assistance Scheme Fifth Year 2024/25 – under Fee Type and Fee List*
- The receipt number should be quoted on the form below.
 - A reduced School Charge of €50 will also apply for Sixth Year.

Please return your completed form to the **School Bookshop** on/before the closing date of **Friday, May 3rd, 2024**.

Please note that families will be contacted **ONLY IF** their application is **unsuccessful**.

I have read the above and wish to apply to join this scheme

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date** _____

€50 BPAS Receipt Number

Department of Social Protection documentation enclosed

Examples of QUALIFYING Department of Social Protection means tested welfare payments
(these Qualify for Book Purchase Assistance Scheme)

Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
Blind Pension
Carers Allowance
Disability Allowance
Farm Assist
Jobseekers Allowance
Jobseekers Transitional Payment
One-Parent Family Payment
State Pension (Non-contributory)
Widow or Widower's Non-contributory Pension
Working Family Payment (formerly FIS)

Examples of NON-QUALIFYING Department of Social Protection non-means tested welfare payments
(these DO NOT Qualify for Book Purchase Assistance Scheme)

Back to Work Family Dividend
Illness Benefit
Incapacity Benefit/Supplement
Invalidity Pension
Jobseeker's Benefit
Contributory State Pension
Contributory Widow or Widower's Pension
Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme