

The ICC-RCCG Daniel Education Support Fund

2026/2027 Academic Year

Executive Summary

The ICC-RCCG Daniel Education Support Fund is a church-led educational support initiative designed to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students within the RCCG International Christian Centre (ICC) community. For the 2026/2027 academic year, eligible students may receive financial support of up to £500 per academic year, helping to alleviate the financial pressures associated with higher education.

Applications for the 2026/2027 academic year are scheduled to close on 25 September 2026. Eligible members of ICC and Ablaze are encouraged to submit their applications before the deadline.

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Introduction

The International Christian Centre (ICC), under the leadership of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), remains committed to supporting the educational aspirations and future careers of its young people. Recognising the increasing financial challenges faced by students and their families, the church has established the Daniel Education Support Fund as a practical expression of its spiritual, parental, and community responsibilities.

This initiative demonstrates the church's dedication to investing in the academic success and long-term development of its members.

Purpose of the Fund

The Daniel Education Support Fund was created to provide financial support to undergraduate students and their families by addressing some of the financial burdens associated with university education.

Key Objectives

- **Support Students Amid Rising Living Costs:** Assist students who are affected by increasing educational and living expenses.
- **Reduce Financial Pressure on Families:** Help parents and guardians manage the costs associated with supporting children through university.
- **Invest in Future Careers:** Demonstrate the church's commitment to the educational advancement and future professional success of its young people.
- **Fulfil Spiritual and Parental Responsibility:** Reflect the church's desire to nurture and support members holistically, including their academic and career development.

Eligibility Criteria

The fund is available to:

- Undergraduate students who are members of RCCG-ICC.
- Children of eligible ICC members.
- Individuals who meet the church's established membership requirements.
- Members associated with ICC and Ablaze who satisfy the qualifying criteria.

Applicants are encouraged to review the application requirements carefully before submission.

Financial Support Available

The amount awarded depends on the student's living arrangements during the academic year:

Student Status	Support Amount
Living away from home	£500 per academic year
Living at home	£300 per academic year

Method of Payment

Funds awarded through the Daniel Education Support Fund will be paid directly to:

- The student, or
- The student's parent/guardian, as applicable.

Timing of Support

Financial assistance is intended to be distributed at the beginning of each academic year, typically during September, enabling recipients to meet essential educational and living expenses at the commencement of their studies.

Application Process

Application Deadline

25 September 2026

Application Link

Applicants should complete and submit their application using the online form below:
<https://rccgicc.churchsuite.com/-/forms/f5qnnwrm>

Early submission is strongly encouraged to facilitate timely assessment and processing.

Community Participation and Giving

In addition to supporting students, the church welcomes contributions from members who feel led to invest in the initiative. Donations help sustain and expand the impact of the fund, enabling more students to benefit from educational support.

The leadership encourages members who have been blessed by this vision to prayerfully consider sowing into the fund and partnering with the church in supporting the next generation.

Expected Impact

The Daniel Education Support Fund is expected to deliver several positive outcomes:

Student Benefits

- Reduced financial stress.
- Greater focus on academic achievement.
- Improved access to resources needed for successful study.

Family Benefits

- Alleviation of financial pressures on parents and guardians.
- Increased confidence in supporting children through higher education.

Church Benefits

- Strengthened engagement with young people.
- Demonstration of the church's commitment to member welfare.
- Investment in future leaders and professionals within the congregation.

Conclusion

The ICC-RCCG Daniel Education Support Fund represents a meaningful investment in the educational future of young people within RCCG-ICC. Through financial assistance, spiritual support, and community commitment, the church continues to demonstrate its dedication to empowering students and supporting families during a critical stage of academic and personal development.

Eligible members are encouraged to submit their applications before 25 September 2026, while those who wish to support the initiative financially are invited to contribute towards the continued success of this impactful programme.

God bless you indeed.

Yours faithfully,

Proposed Enhanced Eligibility Criteria

If the objective is to ensure the fund reaches students who are actively committed to ICC and genuinely in need of support, the eligibility criteria could be strengthened as follows:

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must satisfy all of the following conditions:

1. **Active Membership**

- Must have been an active member of RCCG-ICC for a minimum of 12 months prior to application.
 - Must be regularly involved in church activities, services, or ministries.
 - Attendance records may be considered as part of the assessment.
2. **House Fellowship / Ablaze Participation**
- Must be registered with and actively attend a recognised ICC House Fellowship or Ablaze group.
 - Must demonstrate consistent participation for at least the preceding 6 months.
3. **Undergraduate Status**
- Must be enrolled on a full-time undergraduate degree programme at an accredited higher education institution.
 - Evidence of enrolment must be provided.
4. **Good Standing**
- Must be in good standing with the church and demonstrate Christian character consistent with ICC values.
 - A recommendation from a House Fellowship Leader, Ablaze Leader, or Ministry Leader will be required.
5. **Service and Commitment**
- Must be actively serving in at least one recognised church ministry or department for a minimum of 6 months before applying.
 - Exceptions may be considered in special circumstances.
6. **Academic Engagement**
- Continuing students must provide evidence of satisfactory academic progress.
 - First-year students must provide evidence of university admission.
7. **Financial Need Assessment**
- Priority will be given to students demonstrating genuine financial need.
 - Applicants may be required to submit supporting information regarding their financial circumstances.
8. **Application Completion**
- All sections of the application form must be completed accurately.
 - Required supporting documents must be submitted before the deadline.

Funding Priority Order

Where applications exceed available funding, priority may be given in the following order:

- Students living away from home.
- Students demonstrating significant financial need.
- Students with a consistent record of church attendance and service.
- Students from single-parent or low-income households.
- Students who have not previously received support from the fund.

Additional Conditions

- Receipt of funding in a previous year does not guarantee future awards.
- The Daniel Education Support Committee reserves the right to verify all information provided.
- Any false or misleading information may result in disqualification and future ineligibility.
- All decisions of the committee shall be final.

Recommended Qualification Statement

To qualify for the ICC-RCCG Daniel Education Support Fund, applicants must be active members of RCCG-ICC for at least 12 months, actively participate in a House Fellowship/Ablaze group, serve within a church ministry, be enrolled on a recognised undergraduate programme, demonstrate good standing within the church, and provide evidence of genuine financial need. Meeting the minimum eligibility requirements does not automatically guarantee an award, as applications will be assessed based on available funding and established priorities.

This version makes the fund significantly more selective while ensuring support goes to committed, engaged, and genuinely needy students.