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EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any PFA member or ex-member who has not already received £5000 or more in educational grants.

WHAT KIND OF GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE?

We currently help towards study costs (registration fees, tuition fees, exam fees) and required textbooks for most courses leading to a recognised qualification.

Unfortunately, we cannot fund Masters degrees, the purchase of computers, travel/parking expenses, accommodation, kit/uniform, tools or equipment.

Please Note: Grants can only be processed at the end of your course/academic year, and you should have paid for all of the training in full. PFA Education do not make 'upfront payments'.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

From September 2006, the costs of tuition fees from the majority of Universities and Colleges rose to £3000 a year. A maximum grant of one-third of tuition fees (up to £1000 per year) is available to members undertaking Undergraduate programmes.

Please be aware that members taking out Student Loans to pay for tuition fees will not receive a grant unless one-third (or the maximum £1000) is paid back to the Student Loan Company and we receive a receipt to confirm this. This is only available once this payment has been made.

If you decide to make no payments back towards the loan until you begin to earn the required level of salary in the future, please contact us at that time to discuss the process.

HOW SHOULD I APPLY?

- Complete your course/year. For short courses (under a year) and open learning courses, claims may be made at the end of the course or module. For longer courses (eg undergraduate level) they should be made at the end of each academic year. Claims for books may be made upon purchase.
- Complete a grant application form.
- Attach proof of payment (original receipts).
- If claiming towards course fees, attach proof of completion of the course/year (eg a copy of your certificate or official results statement/letter).
- **Please ensure that you complete all sections of the Claim Form - including the salary details if you are employed. Otherwise, the form may be returned to you for correct completion.**

HOW MUCH AM I LIKELY TO GET?

The current standard grant is up to 50% towards eligible study costs, subject to a maximum grant per year of £1500. Members who have only ever played at a non-league level are likely to receive a lower percentage, and members who can prove that they are registered unemployed are likely to receive a higher percentage.

WHAT SHOULD I BEAR IN MIND?

All grants are awarded at the discretion of the PFA. Grants can only be claimed within the year of delivery. No retrospective claims will be considered. Multiple claims for courses of the same nature will also not be considered. Our criteria and levels of funding are subject to regular reviews to ensure that we can carry on helping as many members as possible within the limits of the funds available. Consequently, grant payments may vary over time and this document should not be viewed as a definitive guide.

