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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. (This is the maximum amount allowed).

WHAT KIND OF GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE?

We currently help towards study costs (registration fees, tuition fees, exam fees) and required textbooks (NOT postage fees) for most courses leading to a recognised qualification.

Unfortunately, we cannot fund Post Graduate/Masters degrees, the purchase of computers, travel/parking expenses, accommodation, membership fees, kit/uniform, tools and equipment or postage fees.

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 yourself. PFA Education do not make 'upfront payments'.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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, and can only be made whilst you are undertaking your degree. There is a cut-off date of the end of December for each academic year - i.e. 2009/10 can be claimed no later than 31 December 2010. Any claim received outside of these guidelines will not be processed.

STUDIES IN AMERICA - PLEASE READ - VERY IMPORTANT

Please note that if you receive a full scholarship towards your tuition fees whilst studying in America, no grant will be available from this department. Should there be a shortfall, and you have to also make a contribution, (towards the tuition fees only), you would receive a grant as mentioned above towards your payment, subject to providing the appropriate detailed receipts.

HOW SHOULD I APPLY? (N.B. - FAXED DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)

1. **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 (not before). Claims for books may be made upon purchase - please note we do NOT refund postage fees.
2. **Complete a Grant Application Form.**
3. **Attach proof of payment (please send original receipts).**
4. If claiming towards course fees, **attach proof of completion of the course/year** (eg a copy of your certificate or official results statement/letter).

HOW MUCH AM I LIKELY TO GET?

The current standard grant (excluding Undergraduate Courses - see box above) is up to 50% towards eligible study costs, subject to a maximum grant per year of £1500. **There is a maximum 'lifetime' grant of £300 towards book costs.** **Members who have only ever played at a non-league level are *unlikely* to receive an Educational Grant.** **Members who can prove that they were registered unemployed whilst undertaking the training may receive a higher percentage.** Please provide evidence of this (with specific dates of unemployment) from your Jobcentre.

WHAT SHOULD I BEAR IN MIND?

All grants are awarded at the discretion of the PFA. **Grants should be made within 6 months of the course finish date - any claim received outside of these guidelines will not be processed.** 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.

PLEASE NOTE RECENT AMENDMENTS - Feb 2010



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