



Please read the following important information before filling in the form

Eligibility

Trainee professional footballers; young persons registered with professional football academies associated with a club or centres of excellence associated with a club wishing to pursue a career as a professional footballer; former trainee professional footballers; professional footballers and former professional footballers. In all cases in this definition persons shall play or have played or trained with a club in the English Premier League and or Football League.

Completing the form

Please answer every question.

You must also sign the declaration and provide photo identification; this can be in the form of a photocard driving licence or passport and a copy of an official letter confirming your address.

Having your payslip, bank statement and bills to hand will assist when completing the form.

What help can I ask for?

Beneficiaries of The Players Foundation have access via the Charity to, where appropriate, financial award payments in the form of a grant and non-financial benefits, which currently comprise of benefits and insolvency advice and neurodegenerative disease assessment to include situational support and guidance. Our team may refer you to one or more of these services once your completed application has been received.

Non-financial support is not subject to any assessment of assets.

Debt & Welfare Rights Advice

There are many organisations that offer free and impartial debt and Welfare Rights advice. You can also obtain this advice via The Players Foundation.

If you are facing mounting debts, don't panic. There are solutions and remedies that can help your situation.

The Players Foundation has an independent advisor we can put you in touch with to help you take back control of your situation, talk through possible solutions, and support you in taking action to reduce your debts.

If you are in need of a benefits assessment our advisor can carry this out and support, you in making the relevant applications.

Financial Hardship:

For the benefit of the beneficiaries and their dependents who are in conditions of need, severe hardship and distress and find themselves in necessitous circumstances.

We define hardship as the possibility of losing one's home due to mortgage or rent arrears, having bailiffs sent in or other equally serious financial problems. We may also help with costs associated with resolving debt difficulties e.g., bankruptcy fees, debt relief order.

We are not able to make loans to beneficiaries and we cannot pay for: private medical insurance premiums or treatment, any money to help set up or run a business, a regular weekly income, any debts owed to family or friends, any court fines or legal fees (this is a non-exhaustive list and provided to give examples).

Neurodegenerative Condition:

The Players Foundation is committed to supporting beneficiaries who have been diagnosed with a neurodegenerative condition.

We understand that finding the right support at such an emotional time can be extremely difficult. The Players Foundation want to signpost their beneficiaries to the appropriate services for advice and information.

How can we help.

We recognise the difficulties in coming to terms with dementia or other neurodegenerative diagnosis and The Players Foundation want to ensure families are aware of where to find information to access the benefits they may be entitled to from Adult Social Services, nationwide charities and support available via The Football Fund (administered by The PFA). The Players Foundation welcomes applications for financial help (as long as that help is within our policy) where Adult Social Services or The Football Fund are unable to assist. This applies whether you are living at home or resident in a care home. If you are applying for yourself – or on behalf of the beneficiary – please let us have detailed information about your particular request: the more information you give us, the easier it will be for us to assess your application.

The Charity requires 3 comparable quotes for any request.

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You can find out more about the support we offer at www.theplayersfoundation.org

Sending your form in

Your form and supporting documents should be emailed to applications@theplayersfoundation.org

Or posted to:

TPF

PO Box 235

DENTON

M34 0EB

How long will it take for my application to be considered?

Application processing times is dependent upon the volume of application receipts. We aim to provide indication of current processing times on acknowledgement of receipt of your application.

It is important you complete the form in full and that you include the supporting documentation.

Incomplete forms and/or where documents are missing will delay your application.

Approved grants MUST be fulfilled within a 3 month period, after which a new application will need to be completed

All applications are treated with the strictest confidence and sensitivity and will be individually assessed.

The Players Foundation complaints and appeals policy can be found on our website www.theplayersfoundation.org



Confidential

Please answer every question

Beneficiary's Personal details

Title	
First name	Surname
Address and postcode	
Date of Birth	PFA Number
Date joined the PFA	Details of club history (to include relevant seasons)

Your Personal details

First name	Surname
Address and postcode	
Email address	Contact telephone number(s)
Date of Birth	Relationship to Beneficiary
Current employment status	What is your occupation

Are you?

Single ☐ Married/Civil partnership/living with partner ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐

First name of spouse/partner	Surname	Date of Birth
Are they living at the above address (please circle) Yes / No	What is their occupation	Are they aware you made this application (please circle) Yes / No

Accommodation type

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Own home ☐ Rented local authority/housing association ☐ Private rented ☐ Sheltered housing ☐
Shared ownership ☐ Residential Care ☐ Living with parents ☐

How long have you lived at this address	If you own your home, what is the current value £
Mortgage outstanding £	Do you have additional properties/buy to let (please circle) Yes / No

Who else shares your home with you (including children under 18)

Name	Age	Relationship to you	Are they in education, employed, other -please give details	If working, please give details of any financial contribution towards household costs £

If you are financially responsible for someone not living in your home, please tell us their name, relationship to you and the level and reason for financial support.

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Please give details of any other organisations you have approached for help financially / emotionally / practical.

Organisation	Brief detail	Outcome	Amount awarded £

Reason for applying to The Players Foundation Charity



Please tell us the reason for your application for example:

- Why you are experiencing severe financial difficulty, and how long have you been experiencing problems.
- If unforeseen circumstance, please explain the circumstance and the effect it has had on your finances.
- If you have unserviceable debts, please explain the reason for these debts.
- You or your partner are unemployed or off work due to other reasons, please give details and anticipated return to work date.
- You or a family member are living with a neurodegenerative disease and require advice and support – please give as much details as possible.
- Please provide any additional information to support your application and help us understand your situation.

You can provide additional information on a separate sheet or covering email if required.

How would you like us to help.

Please note we may not always be able to help with everything and financial support could be in the form of a contribution to assist your situation. There are however things we are unable to support with, but we will endeavour where possible to offer advice and support in other ways.

<u>What do you need help with</u>	<u>Indication of cost £</u>

Financial section for you and partner



Frequency: W=weekly F=fortnightly 4=4-weekly M=monthly Q=quarterly

Income	Self £	Frequency	Partner £	Frequency
Salary/work related benefit				
Employment -net figure after tax				
Employment -2 nd job net figure after tax				
Occupational/Statutory sick pay				
Working tax credits				
Working & Child tax credits combined				
Job seekers allowance				
Pension & age-related benefits				
Income	Self £	Frequency	Partner £	Frequency
Occupational/private pension				
State retirement pension				
Pension credit				
Child benefit				
Child tax credit				
Child Maintenance				
Statutory maternity pay/allowance				
Disability/illness				
Employment support allowance				
Carers allowance				
Bereavement support payment				
Widowed parents' allowance				
Industrial injuries benefit				
Student loan bursary				
Universal credit/Income support				
Housing benefit				
Discretionary housing payment				
Other (please specify)				

Are you in receipt of any of the following (please circle)

	Self £	Partner £
Disability living allowance – care: Low / Middle / High		
Disability living allowance – Mobility: Low / Medium / High		
Personal Independence payment – Living: Standard / Enhanced		
Personal Independence payment – Mobility: Standard / Enhanced		
Attendance Allowance		
Severe disablement premium - Care		

Do you have any benefit applications pending? Yes / No If 'yes' which benefits		
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Please confirm if you have recently been assessed for your entitlement to means test benefits Yes ☐ No ☐ If 'No' we will refer you to our Welfare Rights advisor for an assessment to be carried out.

Expenditure	Amount £	Frequency
Mortgage/Rent (amount you pay after deducting any benefit assistance)		
Second mortgage / Secured loan		
Council tax (amount you pay after deducting any benefit assistance)		
Water rates		
Buildings insurance		
Contents insurance		
Child maintenance		
Life insurance		
Income Protection		
Fuel – Gas		
Fuel – Electric		
Fuel – Oil/Coal		
Childcare / Carer costs		
Car insurance		
Road tax		
Food shop		
School meals		
Phone landline & mobile		
TV Licence		
TV – satellite / cable / broadband package		
Other (please specify, do not include debt repayments)		

Debts and Arrears – Please give details of all debts (please use separate sheet if required)

Type of debt e.g. council tax, car loan, credit card, rent etc	Creditor – who the money is owed to	How much do you owe £	Is it in arrears or balance outstanding £	Monthly repayment £

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Have you taken debt advice?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, who was this with and how long ago?

If no, we will put you in touch with our debt advisor if required.

Savings

Include savings for both people when living as a couple.

Details	Amount £
Total in current accounts (complete total including partners)	
Total in savings accounts (complete total including partners)	
Shares / ISAs (complete total including partners)	

Grant payment

If a grant payment is agreed, one or more of the following methods of payment will made:

- Payment into your bank account
- Direct to creditor or supplier – where help is given to pay a bill or invoice for supplying of goods.

Please give your bank account details.

Name on account	Account No	Sort code

Declaration

I agree that all the information provided in the application form is true and correct, and a full disclosure of all income, capital, savings, and investments has been made. Making a false declaration is an offence. ☐

I will inform The Players Foundation of any change in circumstances that I may have during this application. ☐

Please make sure you have agreed to the above declarations above by ticking the box. We are unable to process your application unless this is done.

By signing this form, you acknowledge agreement to the use of information provided in line with The Players Foundation GDPR Policy.

Signature of beneficiary / person completing the form	Date
Relationship to beneficiary? (if applicable)	Do you hold an LPA if signing on behalf of beneficiary: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Documents required to support your application.

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If you and/or your partner are working, please enclose copies of the last 3 months pay slips for both parties (if applicable) ☐

You and/or your partners complete bank statements for the last 3 months for all accounts held – statements should clearly show name and address. ☐

Copies of any recent correspondence from your creditors or debt recovery agency ☐

If applying for goods / home adaptations, we require 3 comparable quotes. ☐

Proof of photo identification, this can be in the form of a photocard driving licence or passport and a copy of an official letter confirming your address. ☐

Failure to provide any of the above documentation may result in a delay in processing or rejection of your application.