

# Multicultural and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Player Subsidy

As part of the AFL's diversity strategy, AFL NSW/ACT's Multicultural and Indigenous Programs aids people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) backgrounds that are financially disadvantaged to get involved in Australian football, where the cost of participating is prohibitive.

The criteria below define player eligibility.

## Criteria

To apply for the Player Subsidy, participants must meet the following criteria:

- Players must be Multicultural or Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander – see definition for multicultural below.
- Players must be aged between 5-18 years.
- Players must be registered in Club Football (NSW/ACT)
- Subsidy application forms plus letters of support must be submitted by a Club Representative.
- Subsidy application forms must be submitted by July 1, 2021.

## Multicultural Definition

Multicultural is defined as a player with a parent born overseas in a non-English speaking country.

## Financially Disadvantaged

The AFL NSW/ACT defines financially disadvantaged as:

- Parent/Guardians who receive government benefits.
- Low-income earners
- Refugees/Asylum Seekers

Consideration will be given to other circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

## Subsidy Payment(s) Structure

AFL NSW/ACT will provide subsidies to individual players involved in club football for up to three years. New applications must be submitted each year.

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## Application & Payment Process

The Subsidy Application Process will open on May 10th, 2021 and close on July 1, 2021. No applications will be accepted after the closing date except under special circumstances. To apply, please follow the process below:

- Step 1: Download Subsidy Application Form
- Step 2: Submit a completed Subsidy Application Form plus supporting letter to [mark.leavy@afl.com.au](mailto:mark.leavy@afl.com.au)
- Step 3: Successful applicants will be notified via email within 4 weeks of submitting the form.
- Step 4: AFL Clubs will be required to provide a tax invoice, if successful
- Step 5: AFL NSW/ACT will process payment once the tax invoice has been received
- Step 6: All successful applications will be notified on combine testing in their region.

## Further Information

If you have questions or require further information, please contact:

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