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Application received on: **_____ /_____/ 2027**	**Application Reference Number:** **MFA____/27/_____**

Footballer of the Year Trophy

APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant

Provide a title for your proposed trophy design.

Date of Application submission

Total Amount Requested
(Maximum amount that can be requested under this Fund is Euro 10,000. Applicants may request up to 100% of the proposal expenditure)

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Deadline: 19th January 2027 (noon)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Provide a brief overview of your artistic practice, professional experience and any relevant expertise in sculpture, product design, craftsmanship, fabrication or the creation of awards and trophies.

Maximum 1,400 characters

1.2 Describe up to three previous projects or commissions that demonstrate your ability to develop and deliver an artistic work of a similar nature.
Where available, provide links to completed projects or examples of previous work.

Maximum 2,000 characters

1.3 Describe your proposed design for the Footballer of the Year Trophy, outlining the central artistic concept, creative inspiration and distinctive features.
Explain what makes your design original and how it represents an innovative artistic interpretation of a prestigious national football award.

Maximum 1,000 characters

1.4. Explain how your proposed design communicates majesty, prestige, glorious victory and the values of excellence, achievement, dedication, commitment and fair play.
Describe the symbolism incorporated into the proposed trophy and how these artistic elements contribute to its overall meaning and significance.

Maximum 1,000 characters

1.5 Explain how your proposed design reflects the identity, heritage and values of Maltese football.
You may refer to relevant cultural, historical, architectural, artistic or sporting influences that have informed your creative approach.

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Maximum 1,000 characters

1.6 Describe how the mandatory circular-shaped element has been incorporated into your proposed design.
Explain its artistic interpretation, positioning and contribution to the overall composition and visual identity of the trophy.

Maximum 1,000 characters

1.7 Explain how your design will achieve a distinctive, timeless and recognisable appearance, suitable for presentation at a national awards ceremony, photographic and television coverage, and long-term museum display.
Your response should consider the trophy's silhouette, proportions, materials, surface finishes and appearance from different viewing angles.

Maximum 1,000 characters

Additional Documentation
+ Add files

2. Production

2.1 Production Schedule

Provide a proposed production schedule covering the two main trophies, the first pair of replicas and the subsequent annual production of replicas.

The schedule should identify the principal production stages, expected completion dates and delivery arrangements.

Upload a production schedule in PDF format.

Start Date ____/____/_____ (Eligible timeframe 04/03/2027 – 14/05/2027)
End Date ____/____/_____

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Step 1: _____ From: ____/____/_____ to ____/____/_____ Description:
Step 2: _____ From: ____/____/_____ to ____/____/_____ Description: (Add steps as required)

2.2 Proposed Production Methodology

Outline the main stages involved in producing the proposed trophies, from the approval of the final design to manufacturing, finishing, quality control and delivery.
Indicate whether production will be undertaken directly by the applicant or whether specialist manufacturers or craftspeople will be engaged.

Maximum 2,000 characters

2.3 Production Capacity and Continuity

Explain how you intend to ensure the consistent production and quality of the replicas throughout the ten-year period, covering the 2026/27 to 2035/36 football seasons.
Where relevant, describe the production arrangements, documentation, moulds, digital files or other measures that will support future replication.

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3. Technical Specifications and Functionality

3.1 Provide the following specifications.

Specification	Proposed measurement
Main trophy length	___ cm
Main trophy breadth	___ cm
Main trophy overall height	___ cm
Height of base	___ cm
Height above base	___ cm
Estimated weight of each main trophy	___ kg
Replica length	___ cm
Replica breadth	___ cm
Replica height	___ cm
Estimated weight of each replica	___ kg

3.2 Provide a detailed description of the proposed materials, production methods, manufacturing techniques, colours and surface finishes.

Explain why these materials and methods are appropriate for the proposed design, particularly in terms of quality, craftsmanship, durability and the ability to reproduce the trophy consistently over the ten-year period.

Maximum 1,000 characters

3.3 Explain how your design will ensure that the trophy:

- Can be safely and comfortably held and lifted by one person.
- Remains stable when displayed on a flat surface.
- Is sufficiently robust for repeated handling and transportation.
- Can be preserved and displayed at the Malta FA Museum.
- Can be manufactured in a smaller replica format without compromising its visual identity.
- Has a strong visual presence, ensuring it is suitable for photographs, video, and stage presentation.

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3.4 Describe how the Malta FA logo, award category and season-specific inscriptions will be incorporated into the main trophies and annual replicas.
Specify the proposed engraving or identification technique and explain how clarity, permanence and consistency will be ensured.

Maximum 1,000 characters

3.5 Describe the proposed protective cases for the two main trophies and the presentation boxes for the annual replicas.
Provide details of their materials, construction and suitability for protecting the trophies during transportation and storage.

Maximum 1,000 characters

3.6 Describe the proposed arrangements for cleaning, handling, maintenance and long-term preservation of the trophies.
Identify any particular conservation requirements, potential deterioration risks or specialist maintenance needs.

Maximum 1,000 characters

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4. Financial Proposal

4.1 Provide an itemised financial proposal, excluding VAT, for the following items:

Item	Proposed cost excluding VAT
Main trophy – Men	€
Main trophy – Women	€
Protective case – Men	€
Protective case – Women	€
Annual replica – Men	€
Annual replica – Women	€
Presentation box – Men	€
Presentation box – Women	€

The manufacturing cost of each main trophy must not exceed €15,000 excluding VAT. Protective cases, replicas and presentation boxes must be quoted separately.

4.2 Upload a detailed breakdown of the estimated production costs, including materials, specialist services, manufacturing, finishing and any other expenses necessary for the production and delivery of the trophies.
Upload an itemised financial proposal in PDF format.

Additional Documentation:
+ Add files

5. Mandatory documents

5.1 Mandatory Supporting Documentation

Applicants must upload the following documents:

- Design drawings and visual representations of the proposed trophy, including sufficient views to demonstrate the overall design.
- Photorealistic render of the proposed trophy against a dark background.
- Photorealistic render of the proposed trophy against a red background.
- At least one visual representation demonstrating the scale and proportions of the trophy when held by a person.

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- Technical specifications detailing dimensions, weight, materials, finishes and manufacturing techniques.
- Handling, maintenance, cleaning and storage recommendations.
- Specifications for the protective cases and replica presentation boxes.
- Production schedule covering the initial trophies and subsequent replicas.
- Itemised financial proposal.

Additional Documentation: + Add files

6. Declarations

6.1 Before submission, applicants must confirm the following:

- ☐ I confirm that the proposed design is my original artistic creation and does not infringe any third-party intellectual property rights.
- ☐ I confirm that I have read and understood the Footballer of the Year Trophy Project Brief and Creative Guidelines.
- ☐ I confirm that the proposed design incorporates the mandatory circular-shaped element.
- ☐ I confirm that the two main trophies will be identical in design, dimensions, materials and finishes, except for their respective award identification.
- ☐ I confirm that my proposal provides for the manufacture of the required annual replicas.
- ☐ I acknowledge the intellectual property assignment requirements established in the guidelines should my proposal be selected.
- ☐ I confirm that the manufacturing cost of each main trophy does not exceed €15,000 excluding VAT.
- ☐ I confirm that the information and documentation submitted with this application is accurate and complete.

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