

The Variety Heart Scholarship is a competitive scholarship designed to support children with an existing talent who are living with a disability, chronic illness, financial hardship or geographic isolation, to reach the next stage of development in their talent, achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams.

Scholarship Grants

- There are **two** Scholarship rounds
 - If successful, Variety will not consider another application for a Scholarship grant until 12 months after the initial date of submission.
 - Successive grants are not guaranteed for previous recipients
 - If unsuccessful, applicants may apply for the next round
- Scholarships are available in the areas of The Arts, Sport or Education
- Scholarship applications can be made up to the value of \$5,000, per application
- No grant money is provided directly to the child/families. Variety makes direct payments to suppliers etc
- Scholarships are valid for 12 months from the date of the approval letter. All allocated funds must be spent within that period. Any unspent funds after this will be rescinded.
- A scholarship report must be submitted within 1 month upon completion of the grant (forms will be provided)

Eligibility

- Applicants must be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents
- Applicants must live in NSW or ACT
- Applications can only be accepted for children aged 6 to 18 years
- Applicants must demonstrate an existing talent in one of these areas; The Arts, Sport or Education
- Applicants identifying under financial hardship or geographic isolation: household income (after tax) must not exceed \$5500 per month
- Applicants identifying with a disability or chronic illness: household income (after tax) must not exceed \$8000 per month

Examples of appropriate Scholarship requests

The Applicant can select one or more to form part of their scholarship request. This will form the basis of the Scholarship grant and cannot be amended after the approval date.

- Fees
- Training
- Entry/Competition
- Lessons/Tuition
- Supplies/Resources
- Courses
- Equipment
- Uniforms
- Travel (for the child for Air fares, bus fares, train fares such as, attending a competition)
- Accommodation (for the child such as, attending a competition)

Examples of Scholarship exclusions

The following requests are examples only; these are not restricted to which items will **NOT** be considered:

- Ongoing funding repairs/maintenance of equipment
- General administration expenses
- Retrospective funding
- Public/Private/Tertiary School fees/tuition
- Therapies, Medical, Health costs
- Parking, Petrol, tolls or other car costs
- Items or services not directly related to this child/scholarship

Documentation Required

The following documentation must be attached to each application.

<p>Identifying with as: Financial Hardship or Geographic Isolation</p>	<p>1. Income</p> <p>For both parent/guardians copies of the <u>most current</u> payslips (1 per person) and/or Centrelink Statements.</p> <p>2. Support Letter</p> <p>A support letter is required from a professional person directly related to the child's talent. They need to be able to address the following points in their support letter in order for the application to be considered.</p> <p>i. Who they are and what role do they play in your child's life</p> <p>E.g.: THE ARTS Dance, Art or Music tutors/teachers SPORT Coaches, teachers, sporting organisations EDUCATION Teachers, Principal, Tutors</p> <p>ii. Address the child's existing talent referencing where appropriate, any successes</p> <p>E.g.: list any medals, awards, competition results, show cases, stages of achievement, exhibitions, exam results, previous scholarships, previous Variety grants, etc.</p> <p>iii. How will receiving the Scholarship assist the child further to reach the next stage of development in their talent, achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams.</p>
<p>Identifying with a: Disability or Chronic Illness</p>	<p>1. Income</p> <p>For both parent/guardians copies of the <u>most current</u> payslips (1 per person) and/or Centrelink Statements.</p> <p>2. Diagnosis Letter</p> <p>A letter from the child's doctor/pediatrician addressing the child's diagnosis or disability. This letter must not be older than 6 months from the date of scholarship application.</p> <p>3. Support Letter</p> <p>A support letter is required from a professional person directly related to the child's talent. They need to be able to address the following points in</p>

	<p>their support letter in order for the application to be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Who they are and what role do they play in your child's life E.g.: THE ARTS Dance, Art or Music tutors/teachers SPORT Coaches, teachers, sporting organisations EDUCATION Teachers, Principal, Tutors ii. Address the child's existing talent referencing where appropriate, any successes E.g.: list any medals, awards, competition results, show cases, stages of achievement, exhibitions, exam results, previous scholarships, previous Variety grants, etc. iii. How will receiving the Scholarship assist the child further to reach the next stage of development in their talent, achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams.
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CURRENT ROUND – 2017 Winter

- 3rd July 2017** Opening date for applications
- 27th August 2017** Midnight Closing date for applications
- September 2017** Applications are reviewed
- 22nd September 2017** Outcome letters are sent to applicant's families via email
- October 2017** Variety Heart Scholarship Presentation (dates & venues to be advised)

NEXT ROUND – 2017 Spring

- 1st October 2017** Opening date for applications
- 26th November 2017** Midnight Closing date for applications
- December 2017** Applications are reviewed
- 31st January 2018** Outcome letters are sent to applicant's families via email
- March 2018** Variety Heart Scholarship Presentation (dates & venues to be advised)

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Grants team at:
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