

Variety Heart Scholarships

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Variety believes all Aussie kids deserve a fair go, and that all kids should have the chance to follow their dreams and fulfil their potential.

The Variety Heart Scholarship is designed to support children with a demonstrated talent who are living with a disability, chronic illness or financial hardship, to reach the next stage of development in their talent.

Variety Heart Scholarships are proudly presented by the Grahame Mapp Family Foundation in honour of the late Gillian Mapp.

Scholarship Grants

- 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
- Scholarship applications that receive approval may be allocated partial or full funding at the discretion of the Committee
- No grant money is provided directly to the child/families. Variety makes direct payments to suppliers on invoice
- Scholarships are valid for 12 months from the date of the approval letter. All allocated funds must be spent within that period. Any unspent allocated funds will be rescinded
- A scholarship report must be submitted within 2 months of 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 have a demonstrated talent which has developed over time and can be identified by a child's achievements and verified (in a support letter) by a professional in the area of talent
- Applicants can apply under one of the following funding categories (A or B)
Funding Option A = Financial (max. household income after tax no greater than \$5500 per month); OR
Funding Option B = Disability or Chronic Illness (child must have must have a diagnosis and max. household income after tax no greater than \$7500 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.

- Training
- Entry/Competition
- Lessons
- Supplies/Resources
- Registration Costs
- Courses

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- Equipment
- Uniforms
- Travel for the child for air fares, bus fares, train fares, such as attending a competition (excluding car related expenses)
- 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
- Retrospective funding (reimbursement of any monies paid before a scholarship has been approved)
- 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.

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| <p>Applying under Funding Option A: Financial</p> | <p>1. Income For <u>both</u> parent/carers copies of the <u>most current</u> (no older than 3 months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payslips and/or • Centrelink Statements or • Health Care or Pension Card (in parent/carer name) <p>Self-employed parent/carers will need to provide a copy of their 2016/17 ATO Notice of Assessment. (see example here)</p> <p>2. Support Letter 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 the child's life 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 demonstrated talent referencing where appropriate, any achievements 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> |
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| <p>Applying under Funding Option B: Disability or Chronic Illness</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Income For <u>both</u> parent/carers copies of the <u>most current</u> (no older than 3 months) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payslips and/or • Centrelink Statements or • Health Care or Pension Card (in parent/carer name) <p>Self-employed parent/carers will need to provide a copy of their 2016/17 ATO Notice of Assessment. (see example here)</p> 2. Diagnosis Letter A letter from the child's GP/Pediatrician addressing the child's diagnosis or disability. This letter must not be older than 6 months from the date of scholarship application. 3. Support Letter 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Who they are and what role do they play in the 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 demonstrated talent referencing where appropriate, any achievements 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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2018 Timeline

- Friday 1st June 9am Applications open
- Tuesday 31st July 5pm Applications close
- August Applications are reviewed and assessed by the Committee
- Friday 31st August Applicants will receive an email or phone call to advise them of the outcome

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team on 9819 1000 or at kidssupport@varietynsw.org.au