

# Variety Heart Scholarships

## Guidelines Individual NSW/ACT



Variety believes all children deserve a fair go and should have the chance to follow their dreams and fulfil their potential.

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

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

### Eligibility

- 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 the 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 hardship (maximum household gross income (excluding superannuation) of no greater than \$5000 per month); OR

*Funding Option B* = Disability or Chronic Illness (child must have a diagnosis and maximum household gross income (excluding superannuation) of no greater than \$7000 per month).

### Scholarship Grants

- Scholarships are available in the areas of the Arts or Sport.
- Scholarship applications can be made up to the value of \$5,000 per application.
- Successful scholarship applications may receive partial or full funding at the discretion of the Committee.
- 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 Any unspent allocated funds will be rescinded.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 two months of completion of the scholarship (forms will be provided).
- Successive grants are not guaranteed for previous recipients.
- If unsuccessful, applicants may apply for the next round.

### Examples of appropriate scholarship requests

Successful applicants may spend their grant across any of the categories listed below:

- Training
- Entry/Competition fees
- Lessons
- Registration costs
- Courses
- Equipment
- Uniforms
- Airfares (for the child only, to and from appropriate events related to the scholarship e.g. competition)
- Accommodation (e.g. basic/standard hotel room for the child and parent/carer to attend competition)

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### Examples of Scholarship exclusions

The following requests are examples only; these are just some items which will **NOT** be considered:

- Ongoing funding repairs/maintenance of equipment
- Insurance or warranty costs
- Retrospective funding (reimbursement of any monies paid before a scholarship has been approved)
- Public/private/tertiary school fees/tuition
- Therapies, medical, health costs
- Items or services not directly related to this child/scholarship

If you have any questions related to the spending of funds under the scholarship, please contact the Kids Support team before applying.

### Documentation Required

The following documentation must be attached to each application associated with either Funding A or B:

<p><b>Applying under Funding Option A: Financial</b></p>	<p><b>1. Income</b></p> <p>Proof of household Income:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>If unemployed and receiving Centrelink payments:</b> your most recent activity statement. (You can view, download, or request a copy of your activity statement via your Centrelink online account through myGov. Click <a href="#">here</a> for instructions).</li> <li>ii. <b>If employed (full time, part time or casual) and receiving wages:</b> your most recent payslip showing your annual income or your latest ATO Income statement: 2020/21</li> <li>iii. <b>If employed and receiving Centrelink payments:</b> your most recent payslip and Centrelink activity statement.</li> </ol> <p><i>If parents are separated and one is still contributing to the child's needs (but living outside the household), financial information for both parents is required.</i></p> <p><b>2. Support Letter</b></p> <p>A support letter is required from a professional person directly related to the child's talent. The letter must be on a letterhead (no older than 3 months) and needs to be able to address the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Who they are and what role do they play in the child's life;</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. E.g.: THE ARTS - Dance, art or music tutors/teachers</li> <li>SPORT - Coaches, teachers, sporting organisations</li> </ol> </li> <li>ii. <b>Address the child's demonstrated talent referencing any achievements;</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. E.g.: list any medals, awards, competition results, show cases, stages of achievement, exhibitions, exam results, previous scholarships, previous Variety grants, etc.</li> </ol> </li> <li>iii. <b>How will receiving the Scholarship assist the child to reach the next stage of development in their talent, achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams.</b></li> </ol>
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<p><b>Applying under Funding Option B: Disability or Chronic Illness</b></p>	<p><b>1. Income</b></p> <p>Proof of household Income:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>If unemployed and receiving Centrelink payments:</b> your most recent activity statement. (You can view, download, or request a copy of your activity statement via your Centrelink online account through myGov. Click <a href="#">here</a> for instructions).</li> <li>ii. <b>If employed (full time, part time or casual) and receiving wages:</b> your most recent payslip showing your annual income or your latest ATO Income statement: 2020/21</li> <li>iii. <b>If employed and receiving Centrelink payments:</b> your most recent payslip and Centrelink activity statement.</li> </ol> <p><i><b>NOTE: If parents are separated and one is still contributing to the child's needs (but living outside the household), financial information for both parents is required.</b></i></p> <p><b>2. Diagnosis Letter</b></p> <p>A letter from the child's GP/Paediatrician addressing the child's diagnosis or disability. This letter must not be older than 12 months from the date of scholarship application and on letterhead.</p> <p><b>3. Support Letter</b></p> <p>A support letter is required from a professional person directly related to the child's talent. The letter must be on a letterhead (no older than 3 months) and needs to be able to address the following points in order for the application to be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Who they are and what role do they play in the child's life</b> E.g.: THE ARTS - Dance, art, drama or music tutors/teachers SPORT - Coaches, teachers, sporting organisations</li> <li>ii. <b>Address the child's demonstrated talent referencing any achievements</b> E.g.: list any medals, awards, competition results, show cases, stages of achievement, exhibitions, exam results, previous scholarships, previous Variety grants, etc.</li> <li>iii. <b>How will receiving the scholarship assist the child to reach the next stage of development in their talent, achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams.</b></li> </ol>
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### Decision

#### Unsuccessful Applicants

- Reasons pertaining to unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of the Committee and Variety NSW/ACT
- Kids Support team will notify the family/child of the outcome via email
- Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply in the following round

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### Successful Applicants

- Successful applicants will receive approval via email and/or phone
- Any unused and/or unspent funds will be forfeited after the expiry date of the grant

### Outcome Reporting

The applicant will be requested to complete a short survey between 3-12 months after receiving their grant. This will be emailed to the applicant's parent/carer.

Outside of completing a survey and without obligation, Variety enjoys hearing any updates on a child's progress, well-being, and achievements once they've received their grant. If the Parent/Carer and the child feel comfortable to share any updates with Variety, please email them through to [kidssupport@variety NSW.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@variety NSW.org.au).

### Scholarship Payments

Variety makes direct payments to suppliers on invoice (reimbursement is available in some circumstances).

All requests for invoice payment or reimbursement must be uploaded to the applicant's account on the Variety NSW website, using the log in details provided when the application was submitted.

Instructions will be provided on the outcome letter.

#### 1. Invoice requirements

Contact your chosen supplier/service provider and request an itemised tax invoice:

This invoice must:

- a) Include the company logo/abn.
- b) Be addressed to 'Variety – the Children's' Charity NSW/ACT'
- c) Be a **tax invoice** NOT a purchase order, a receipt, or a quote
- d) Be dated (after the approval date on the outcome letter)
- e) Include the scholarship reference number & child's name
- f) Include an itemised list of items/services and their cost
- g) Outline if and where GST is applicable (GST included or No GST)
- h) Include the bank details for EFT payment

#### 2. Reimbursements

On the occasion that you are unable to arrange an invoice, a request for reimbursement can also be submitted online. Reimbursement receipts must show any GST component. If GST is not applicable, this must be stated on the receipt.

Any items/services that do not meet criteria will not be reimbursed. To confirm that an item will be covered by the scholarship, please contact [kidssupport@variety NSW.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@variety NSW.org.au).

### 2022 Timeline

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 9am ..... Applications open
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 5pm ... Applications close
- May ..... Applications are reviewed and assessed by the Committee
- Mid-late May ..... Applicants receive an email to advise them of the outcome
- Late June ..... Presentation Night to be confirmed depending on Covid-19 government restrictions regarding gatherings

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team on (02) 9819 1000 or at [kidssupport@variety NSW.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@variety NSW.org.au)