

WE LEARN - Education Technology Grant

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Introduction

Variety NSW/ACT provides access to an Education Technology Grant for secondary school children living with financial hardship to increase and encourage their educational goals, where they may not otherwise be afforded the opportunity to do so.

Eligibility

- Applicants must live in NSW or ACT.
- Applicants must be 18 years and under.
- Students must be enrolled in full-time secondary or tertiary education, i.e. in school years 7 – 12, TAFE or other educational institution.
- Only one application per household will be considered.
- Maximum gross household income of \$45,000 per annum (excluding super).
- Previous recipients of the following technology grants may be eligible to reapply after 24 months from the date of their outcome letter:
 - I. Variety Education Supplies and Technology Grant
 - II. Variety We Learn – Education Technology Grant
- Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply again for an education technology grant 12 months after the date listed on their outcome letter.

Education Technology Grant requests

Successful applicants will be able to access a laptop and laptop sleeve via the online Harvey Norman/Variety NSW website. A link to the website will be provided to successful applicants.

The laptops have been pre-selected, and Variety is unable to consider requests for alternative laptops or devices.

The following device will be provided:

Acer TMB311-32 Click [HERE](#) for brochure and specifications

There is no option to take funds in place of pre-selected equipment.

Once purchases are approved by Kids Support, Harvey Norman will despatch the items directly to the grant recipient.

Application

- Applications are made on behalf of the child by a parent/carer or another identified support person (medical professional, caseworker, teacher etc) aged 18 years and over
- Applicants will be expected to submit a truthful and factual application and attach relevant documentation as evidence.

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Attachments/Evidence

The following attachments must be included as part of the application.

1. Support Letter

A letter (no older than 3 months) from an education support person (ie a teacher or Principal from the school your child attends, or will attend). This letter must be on school letterhead and will need to address the following points for the application to be considered:

- How is the student known to the support person,
- Is the student expected to remain in education for at least one more calendar year,
- Does the student have a good school attendance record,
- Would the student benefit from their own laptop/tablet to adequately complete their studies,
- Does the student currently have access to their own laptop/tablet or
- Is the student's currently owned laptop/tablet inadequate for purpose.

Click [HERE](#) to see an example of a Support Letter.

If your child is home schooled, please contact kidssupport@variety NSW.org.au before starting your application.

2. Household Income – Proof of household Income:

- 1) **If unemployed and receiving Centrelink payments:** 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 [HERE](#) for link to Centrelink website
- 2) **If employed (full time, part time, casual or self employed) and receiving wages:** either
 - 2020/2021 or 2021/2022 ATO Notice of Assessment or
 - Recent payslip (within 3 months)
- 3) **If employed and receiving Centrelink payments:**
 - 2020/2021 or 2021/2022 ATO Notice of Assessment or
 - your most recent payslip and Centrelink activity statement.

Post-Submission and Assessment – 2022

Variety NSW We Learn – Education Technology grants are open from 25th July – 24th August 2022. After submission, applications will be assessed by the Committee at the next scheduled meeting. You will receive notification by email when your application has been assessed. Please allow up to 8 weeks for the process to be complete after you submit your application.

Each application is assessed by the Kids Support team on its own merit. Eligible submissions are presented to the Kids Support Committee for the final decision.

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Decision

Outcome letters are emailed to applicants when their applications have been assessed by the Kids Support Committee.

Unsuccessful Applicants

- Reasons pertaining to unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of the Kids Support Committee
- Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply in 12 months from the date listed on the outcome letter.

Successful Applicants

- Successful applicants have 6 months from the date of approval on their outcome letter to order their laptop from Harvey Norman.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to action all appropriate steps after receiving the outcome letter (as directed)
- Any unclaimed equipment will be forfeited after the expiry date of the grant.

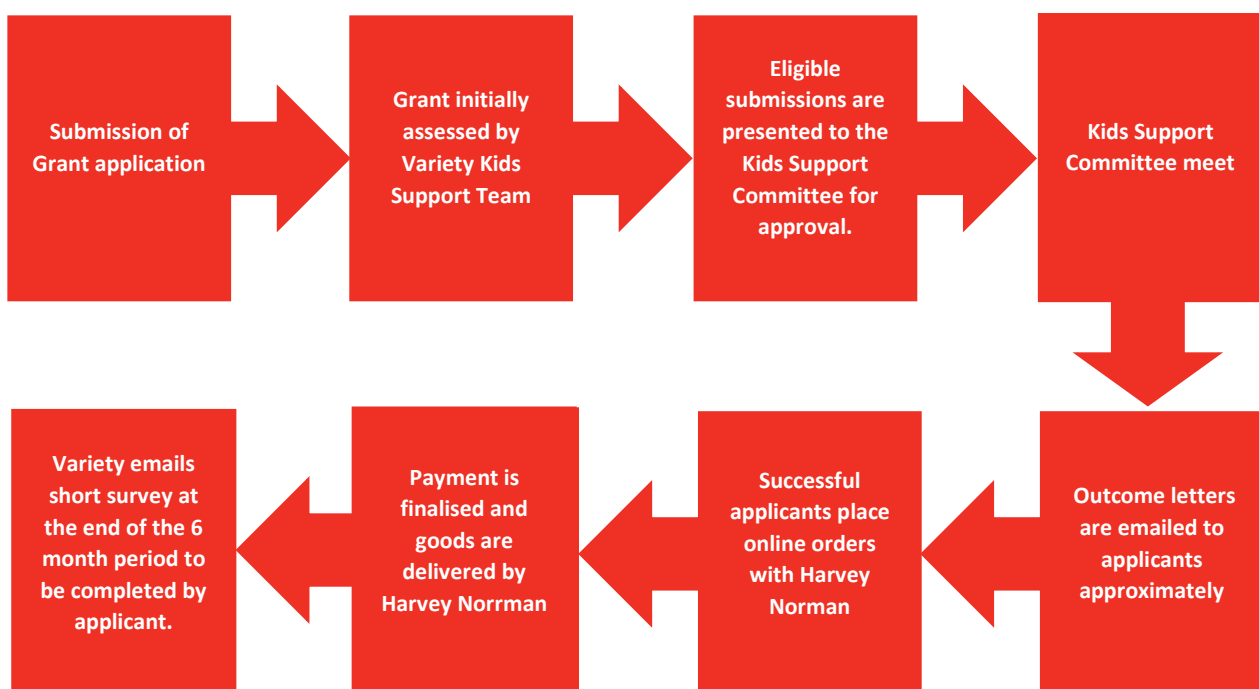
Outcome Reporting

A short survey about the grant submission process will be sent to the applicant shortly after their application is submitted. This survey will help Kids Support refine the application process and we would be very grateful if it is returned.

On completion of a successful grant, a further survey will be emailed to the applicant. This survey will help Kids Support understand how the grant has helped the recipient with their studies.

Outside 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@varietynew.org.au.

Application Steps/Process



If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team on kidssupport@varietynew.org.au