

# Variety Heart Scholarships

## QLD Guidelines



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

- 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
- 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 again in 6 months
- 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 Any unspent allocated funds will be rescinded.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 social impact survey must be completed at time of application (forms will be provided), at 6 months into the scholarship and at conclusion of scholarship.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents
- Applicants must live in QLD
- Applications can only be accepted for children aged 6 to 17 years
- Applicants must demonstrate an existing talent in one of these areas; The Arts, Sport or Education
- Applicants identifying under financial hardship: 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
- Maintenance and Repairs of essential equipment
- Courses
- Equipment
- Uniforms
- Travel (for the child for Air fares, bus fares, train fares such as, attending a competition)
- Accommodation (for the child attending a competition)

### Examples of Scholarship exclusions

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

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

### Documentation Required

The following documentation must be attached to each application.

<p><b>Identifying as: Financial Hardship</b></p>	<p>1. <b>Income</b> 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"> <li>• Payslips and/or</li> <li>• Centrelink Statements or</li> <li>• Health Care Card</li> </ul> <p>Self-employed parent/carers will need to provide a copy of their recent tax return.</p> <p>2. <b>Support Letter</b> 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><b>i. Who they are and what role do they play in your child's life</b> E.g.: THE ARTS Dance, Art or Music tutors/teachers SPORT Coaches, teachers, sporting organisations EDUCATION Teachers, Principal, Tutors</p> <p><b>ii. Address the child's existing talent referencing where appropriate, any successes</b> E.g.: list any medals, awards, competition results, show cases, stages of achievement, exhibitions, exam results, previous scholarships, previous Variety grants, etc.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<p><b>Identifying with a: Disability or Chronic Illness</b></p>	<p>1. <b>Income</b> 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"> <li>• Payslips and/or</li> <li>• Centrelink Statements or</li> <li>• Health Care Card</li> </ul> <p>Self-employed parent/carers will need to provide a copy of their recent tax return.</p> <p>2. <b>Diagnosis Letter</b></p>



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If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team at: [kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au)