



# Variety Heart Scholarships

## Guidelines

Variety Tasmania believes all Tassie kids deserve a fair go and they all 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.

### Scholarships

- If successful, and as a general rule, Variety will not consider another application for a Scholarship within the following 12 months.
- Usually one child per household can apply for a Scholarship at a time.
- Successive Scholarships are not guaranteed for previous recipients.
- If unsuccessful, applicants may wish to apply in the following round.
- Scholarships are available in the areas of the Arts, Music, Sports and Education.
- Scholarships can be made up to the value of usually \$3,000, per application.
- Scholarship applications that receive approval may be allocated partial or full funding based on the recommendation of the Variety Grants Committee and at the discretion of the Board.
- No cash grants provided directly to the child/family. Variety makes direct payments to suppliers on invoice.
- Scholarships are valid for 12 months from the date of the Outcome Letter. All allocated funds must be spent within that period. Any unspent allocated funds will be rescinded.
- A Scholarship Update Report must be submitted within 2 months of completion of the grant (forms will be provided).

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be living in Tasmania.
- Applications can only be accepted for children aged under 18 years old.
- 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 the child's talent.
- Net household income must be less than \$90,000 per annum, across all income streams (dividends, investments, and salaries etc.)

### Examples of appropriate Scholarship requests

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

- Training
- Registration/Entry/Competition (proof of ineligibility/decline of any government support is required)
- Advanced training or coaching
- Supplies/Resources
- Courses
- 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)

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### Examples of Scholarship exclusions

The following requests are examples only and are not restricted as to which items are **NOT** to 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 or other costs associated with motor vehicle travel
- Items or services not directly related to this child/Scholarship

### Documentation Required

The following documentation must be attached to each application.

#### i. Income

For both parent/carers copies of:

- a. Latest parents/carers Group Certificate
- b. The last 3 Payslips for parents/carers, and/or
- c. Centrelink Statements or
- d. Health Care or Pension Card (in parent/carer name)

Self-employed parent/carers must provide the latest copy of the ATO Notice of Assessment.

#### ii. 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:

##### a. Who they are and the role 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

##### b. Address the child's demonstrated talent referencing where appropriate, any achievements

E.g.: list any competition results, show cases, stages of achievement or milestones, exhibitions, exam results, previous scholarships, medals, awards, or previous Variety grants, etc.

##### c. How will this Scholarship assist the child in reaching the next stage of their talent and achieve their full potential?

##### d. Diagnosis Letter – applicable for a child with a disability

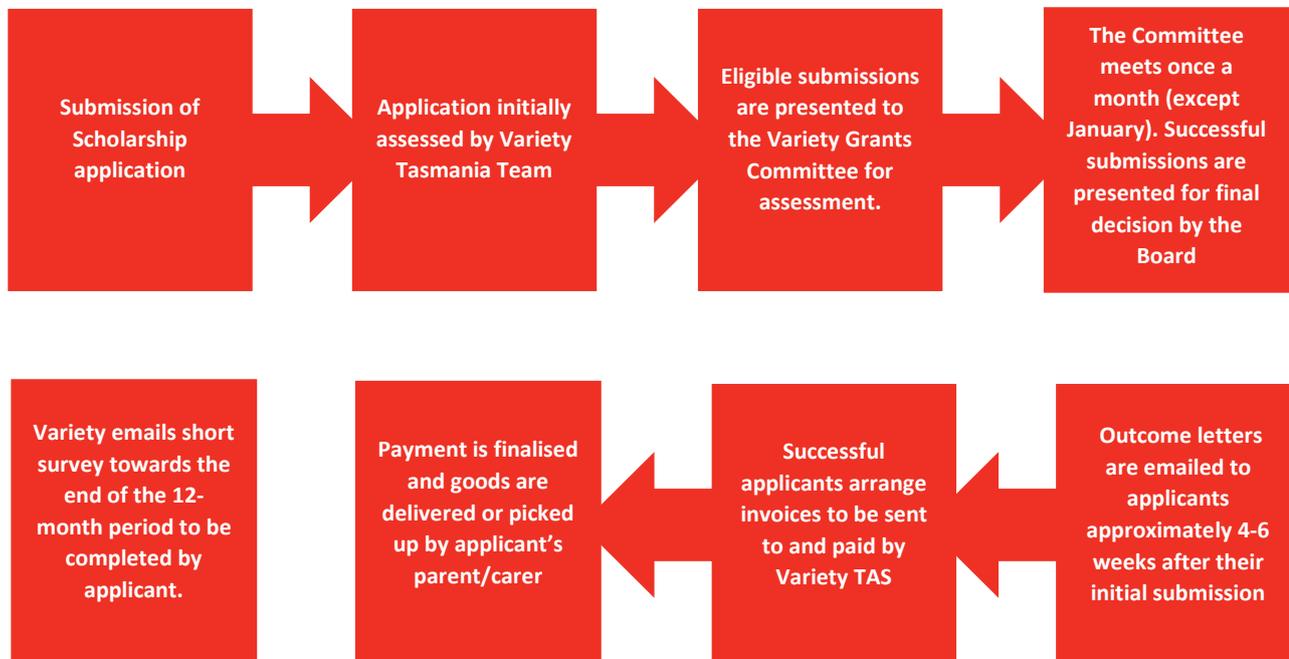
A letter from the child's GP/Pediatrician addressing the child's diagnosis or disability. This letter must not be older than 3 months from the date of application

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### Application Process Flow



For further information, please don't hesitate to contact Variety Tasmania on (03) 6248 4888 or email [info@varietytas.org.au](mailto:info@varietytas.org.au).