



Variety Heart Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Grants Terms

- 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
- Existing Talent applications can be made up to the value of \$5,000 per application
- Education (Technology) applications can be made up to the value of \$1,000 per application Educational Supplies applications can be made up to the value of \$500 per application for Primary School students or up to \$1000 for Secondary School students
- 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 11 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 Any unspent allocated funds will be rescinded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 recipient must be provided a minimum of 2 progress reports, (preferred in June and December–templates will be provided)

Eligibility

- Applicants must live in Victoria
- Educational applications can only be accepted for children aged 5 to 17 years
- Existing Talent applications can only be accepted for children aged 8 to 17 years
- Existing Talent 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 talent
- Applicants must be living with sickness, disadvantage or disability.



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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

Documents Required

The following documentation must be attached to each application.

Applying under Funding Option A: Financial

1. Income

For both parent/carers copies of the most current (no older than 3 months)

A) Pay slips and/or

B) Centrelink Statements or

C) Health Care or Pension Card (in parent/carer name)

Self-employed parent/carers will need to provide a copy of their current ATO Notice of Assessment. (see example [here](#))

2. Support Letter (Existing Talent)

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 what role do they play in the child's life

E.g.: THE ARTS Dance, Art or Music tutors/teachers

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Principal, Welfare Officer

B) 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.

C) 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.

3. Support Letter from school (Existing Talent and Educational)

A support letter is required from a professional person directly related to the child's education (e.g. Teacher, Principal, Case Worker). They need to be able to address the following points in their support letter for the application to be considered:

A) Who they are and what role do they play in the child's life

B) What sort of student the child is

C) Their school absentee level (how many days a year does the child miss school)

D) How they believe the child will benefit from the scholarship

Applying under Funding Option B: Disability or Chronic Illness

1. Income

For both parent/carers copies of the most current (no older than 3 months)

A) Pay slips and/or

B) Centrelink Statements or

C) Health Care or Pension Card (in parent/carer name)

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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 (Existing Talent)

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A) Who they are and what role do they play in the child's life

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B) 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.

C) 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.

4. Support Letter from school (Existing Talent and Educational)

A support letter is required from a professional person directly related to the child's education (e.g. Teacher, Principal, Case Worker). They need to be able to address the following points in their support letter for the application to be considered:

A) Who they are and what role do they play in the child's life

B) What sort of student the child is

C) Their school absentee level (how many days a year does the child miss school)

D) How they believe the child will benefit from the scholarship



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If you have any questions, please reach out to our friendly Kids Support Team on (03) 8698 3900 or kidssupport@varietyvic.org.au