

Kids Support Department EduKids Individual Grant Eligibility & Guidelines Document



Variety EduKids Grants help WA children receive an essential education by providing funding for vital 'Back to School' equipment such as stationery, uniforms, laptops, tablets and more. We provide assistance when there is no government or alternative funds available.

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for a grant provided the following criteria are met:

- o Child or children reside in WA.
- o Child or children are aged 3-17 (must be under 18 at time of submission).
- o Child or children are enrolled and attending (or will be attending) primary, home, or high school in 2023.
- o Child or children who are experiencing disadvantage (financial, geographical, social), that may also be living with a long-term health condition or disability.
- o The family household income is below the guide*.
- o Equipment is not available via government or alternative sources.

Application

- o Application form can be completed for one or more children in your primary care that meet the eligibility.
- o An application can be completed by a parent/carer, or approved third party (key therapist, social worker, support worker etc.) however all information must be approved/submitted by parent/carer.
- o Applicants are expected to submit a truthful and factual application and attach relevant documentation as evidence where requested.
- o Income details are required (this includes any/all income received to confirm annual household income);
 - Payslips – FT / PT work (dated within 3 months)
 - Centrelink statements (dated within 3 months)
 - 2021-22 ATO notice of assessment (for self-employed)
- o Proof of mandatory requirement for Technology (tablets / laptops etc). Info can be presented in the following ways:
 - Letter from your school
 - Screenshot of your school's website outlining the tech requirements
 - Copy of a booklist which specifically includes the tech requirement for your child.

Please note – not providing this information will result in an unsuccessful application.

Request & funding limits

- You can apply for an amount up to the 'request limit' only per child.
- You can apply for both column A and B (if eligible) however the total amount requested must not exceed the combined request limits (E.g. (A) \$450 + (B) \$1,000 = \$1450 maximum per child).
- The items must be directly related to the child's education and schools' compulsory requirements only.

Category	Eligible items	Request limit \$	*Household Income limit
Education 	(A) - Booklist items & resources - Uniform - School bag - School shoes (1 pair) - Compulsory fees associated with equipment for core & elective subjects Condition: Does NOT cover voluntary contributions	\$250 (years K-3) \$350 (years 4-6) \$450 (years 7-12)	\$50,000pa
	(B) - Laptops - iPad or tablet (+ protective case) - Leased tech (school supplied) Condition: MUST be mandatory (evidence essential)	\$1,000 \$600 \$350	\$70,000pa

Please note:

If your income is over the suggested limit you may choose to apply, however you must be able to demonstrate extraordinary hardship, expenses and/or circumstances and understand that your application may not be prioritised.

Technology: It is not necessary to supply a quote for technology if you have provided the evidence that it is mandatory and are requesting the appropriate request amount.

Ineligible requests:

- o Equipment/items where funding is available from government / other grant funds
- o Individuals 18 years of age and older
- o Non-tangible equipment (warranties, maintenance, repair, plans, internet / subscriptions etc)
- o Experiences / excursions
- o Incomplete application forms
- o Services / therapies
- o Retrospective funding
- o Voluntary School fees

Process

- Step 1 – Complete online application form and include all supporting documentation
- Step 2 – Submit application before round closing date
- Step 3 – Submission reviewed at Kids Support Committee meeting
- Step 4 - Outcome emailed to applicants

Additional information

- o EduKids is open once a year, however this is subject to change at Variety WA's discretion.
- o We are unable to offer an extension on applications, due to the volume of requests.
- o Approval is not guaranteed, each application is assessed on its merit and contributions may be offered in lieu of full funding at the committee's discretion.
- o Submissions are reviewed by the Kids Support Committee; a group of qualified professionals representing allied health, community, and education sectors.
- o Variety aims to have all submissions reviewed and applicants notified by no later than Wednesday 21st December 2022.
- o Retrospective expenses WILL NOT be reimbursed, expenses can only be claimed if they have been purchased post the approval letter date.

Outcomes

Successful Applicants

- o Full details and next step instructions will be provided to successful applicants in their outcome letter.
 - Funding can be accessed via Tax Invoice from supplier or reimbursement upon proof of purchase.
 - A detailed list will be provided which outlines acceptable items for purchase / claim, and instructions on preferred suppliers that will be able to provide invoices for items.
 - Reimbursements will require completion of a 'reimbursement request form' which will be provided with the successful outcome letter.
 - Reimbursement can be made to the family, or third party acting on behalf of the recipients, with a preference of one transaction per application.
- o Funds need to be used within 60 days of approval.
- o If successful in receiving EduKids Category (A) funding, recipients will be excluded from applying for any additional assistance via alternative Variety grants (subject to eligibility) for a period of 60 days from approval date.
- o If successful in receiving EduKids Category (B) funding (Technology), recipients will be excluded from applying for any additional technology assistance for a period of 3 years from approval date.

Unsuccessful Applicants

- o Reasons for unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of the Kids Support Committee and will not be disclosed to the applicant.
- o Application outcomes are not able to be appealed, the decision of the committee is absolute.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Kids Support team on 9355 3655 or kidssupport@varietywa.org.au