

Kids Support Department EduKids Individual Grant Eligibility & Guidelines Document



Variety WA EduKids Grant 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 that is not accessible through government funding and alternative services.

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 4-17 (must be under 18 at time of submission).
- o Child or children are enrolled and attending (or will be attending) Primary or High School in 2022.
- o Child or children are disadvantaged (financial, geographic, social), have a disability or sick (long-term health condition).
- 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 complete 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 will be 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)
 - valid Healthcare card
 - 2020-21 ATO notice of assessment (for self-employed)
- o Quotes for equipment / items;
 - Quotes required for each items requested (can source multiple items from one supplier)
 - Technology quotes to be sourced from a Variety preferred supplier (unless otherwise mandated by School). *Harvey Norman Business / Email: craig.owen@au.harveynorman.com / 0416 118 883 (Craig)*
Please note: based in VIC so please allow 2 working days for response.
 - Quotes must be no older than three months at the time of submission and must remain valid throughout the assessment process.
- o Supporting document(s) from Schools (must be at least one);
 - Booklists
 - Forms listing mandatory requirements / items
 - Supporting letter from teacher / principal

Request & funding limits

- The applicant can apply for multiple items from column (A) as part of a single grant request.
- Applicants can also apply for items from both column (A) & (B), however the request limit is not exceeded the combined total (E.g. (A) \$350 + (B) \$1320 = \$1670 maximum per child).
- The items must be directly related to the child education and schools compulsory requirements only.

Category	Eligible items (not limited to these)	Request limit \$	Household Income limit*
Education 	(A) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Education resources- Booklist items- Uniform / clothing items	\$350 inc gst	\$50,000pa
	(B) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tablets / iPads etc- Laptops / computers- Software	\$1,320 inc gst	\$70,000pa

Please note:

- *If your income is over the suggested limit you may choose to apply, however you need to be able to demonstrate extraordinary hardship, expenses and/or circumstances.
- If the equipment required exceeds the request limit, you can request additional funds if there is clearly demonstrated need outlined within the application & supporting documentation.

Ineligible requests:

- o Equipment/items where funding is available from government / other grant funds
- o Individuals 18 year 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

Process

Step 1 – Complete online application form and including all supporting documentation

Step 2 – Submit application before round closing date

Step 3 – Pre assessment done by Kids Support team member

Step 4 – Submission reviewed at Kids Support Committee meeting

Step 5 - Outcome emailed to applicants

Additional information

- o EduKids is open once a year (Nov-Jan).
- o Submissions are reviewed by the Kids Support Committee; a group of qualified professionals representing allied health, community and education sectors.
- o The Kids Support Committee will host regular meetings to review applications. Submission date will dictate meeting date.
 - The committee will not be reviewing application between 20th Dec 2021 - 10th Jan 2022.
 - We ask that you please allow up to 2-3 weeks from submission date for an outcome notification (bearing in mind above closure period).
 - Variety aims to have all submissions reviewed and applicants notified by no later than Monday 24th January 2022.
- o Approved outcomes are not guaranteed, each application is assessed on its merit and contributions may be offered in lieu of full funding at the committees discretion.

Decisions

Successful Applicants

- o Full details and next step instructions will be provided to successful applicants in their outcome letter.
- o Funds need to be used within 3 months of approval.
- o Variety WA does not provide funds directly to the applicant.
 - Funding can only be accessed via Tax Invoice from supplier or reimbursement upon proof of purchase.
 - Reimbursement can be made to family, or third party acting on behalf of the recipients, with a preference of one transaction per application.
- o Recipients must observe an exclusion period of 30 days from approval date before applying for further assistance through alternative Variety grant funding (subject to eligibility).

Unsuccessful Applicants

- o Reasons pertaining to 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.
- o Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply in 3 months from the date listed on the letter, however the request must be altered or new information supplied.

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