



# Variety Heart Scholarships

## WA Guidelines & Eligibility

The Variety Heart Scholarships support the continued development of talented or gifted WA kids striving to achieve excellence in fields of the arts, sport, or academics. The scholarship provides practical support in funding tuition, equipment, competition fees and more allowing kids to follow their dreams.

Our aim is to assist children who have moved beyond participating for social and community participation and are now in the pursuit of excellence.

### Scholarship Areas (not limited to these examples):

**The Arts** - Visual arts, Music/Instrument, Dance, Singing, Performing Arts

*For the field of The Arts this can be evaluated by demonstrated commitment, portfolio examples, accolades achieved at competitions or performances and referee letters.*

**Sport** - Basketball, Martial Arts, Athletics, Swimming etc.

*For the field of Sport, examples of pursuit of excellence would be competing on a state, national or international level, or making significant progress towards reaching this.*

**Academics** - Extracurricular academic pursuits

*For the field of Academics, this may include being in a specialist extension program (e.g. MENSA, coding, robotics etc.)*

### Eligibility

- Child must reside in WA
- Child must be within age range of 6 to 17 at time of application.
- Child must be talented or gifted in one of these areas; The Arts, Sport, or Academics (extracurricular) AND live with either disability, disadvantage, or sickness (long term health condition)
- Child's achievements/potential must be able to be verified by a relevant professional (mandatory)
- Family annual household income is within guide\*

Funding tier guide (School year)	Maximum request limit \$	Household Income limit*
(1) Year 1 to 7	\$2,500	\$96,000 (Financial disadvantage)
(2) Year 8 to 12	\$4,000	\$128,000 (sick / disability)

\*If your income is over the limit you may choose to apply, but please include demonstrations of extraordinary expenses, hardships and/or circumstances. Please note this does not guarantee acceptance/ approval.

<p><b>Items / requests covered by Scholarship:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition and training fees</li> <li>• Entry and competition fees</li> <li>• Equipment and supplies directly related to discipline.</li> <li>• Uniforms and costumes</li> <li>• Travel expenses for competitions (recipient only)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ineligible requests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retrospective funding</li> <li>• School fees / Tutoring (School curriculum)</li> <li>• Parking, petrol &amp; car costs</li> <li>• Ongoing repairs/maintenance of equipment</li> <li>• Travel cost associated with anyone other than recipient.</li> </ul>
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### Application process:

1. Complete the online application form, available on our website.

The following documents will be required to be included within the application:

- a. Income statement(s) to confirm annual household income:
  - Pay slips: three most recent pay slips for all household parents / guardians
  - Centrelink statements / valid health-care card
  - ATO payment summary (current or last financial year)
- b. Completed Support Letter from a professional associated with chosen discipline:
  - You will need to provide the name and email address of referee during the application process. A support letter template will be emailed to referee to complete.
- c. Confirmation of diagnosis (if applicable)
- d. Quotes for requested items / costs (no older than 3 months)
- e. Examples of work / accolades  
 It is essential to include any additional information to accompany the request (if applicable).
  - Copies/pictures (medals, awards, certificates, competition results, exam results, etc.)
  - Photos (art – drawings / painting / digital works)
  - Footage (dance, singing, music, instruments, performing arts)
  - Audio file (singing, music, instruments)
 \*Please keep files to maximum of 5MB so they can be uploaded to application.

2. Submit application before the closing date.
3. Committee review applications
4. Outcome notifications sent via email.

### Additional information:

- Full funding of request is not guaranteed. Approved applicants may be allocated partial funding rather than full funding at the discretion of the Committee.
- Successive Scholarships are not guaranteed for previous recipients.
- If unsuccessful, applicants may apply for the next Scholarship round (annual).
- Funds are only accessible via invoice from supplier or reimbursement upon proof of purchase.
- Scholarships are valid for 12 months from the date of approval. All allocated funds must be spent within that period, any unspent allocated funds will be closed.
- Scholarship funds can only be used for items listed in the approval letter.
- A scholarship report/survey may be requested to be completed (forms will be provided).