

Supplies Grant WIGS

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Introduction

Variety NSW/ACT provides assistance up to the value of \$6K towards the purchase of a wig for children who have lost their hair due to a medical condition such as Alopecia Areata or Cancer.

It is at the discretion of the applicant to source the supplier of the Wig. Variety NSW/ACT does not directly advocate for any particular preferred supplier.

Eligibility

- Applicants must live in NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC, TAS, WA, SA or NT
- Applications can only be accepted for children aged between 4 to 18 years
- Applicants must be diagnosed with a medical condition such as Alopecia Areata or Cancer
- Previous recipients will not be considered for another a Wig grant until 12 months after the date listed on their outcome letter
- Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply for a Wig grant 12 months after the date listed on their outcome letter

Wig Grant requests not eligible

The following will not be considered as part of the grant request

- Retrospective funding – only items purchased **after** the approval date will be eligible to claim as part of the grant
- Servicing or maintenance

Application

- Applications are open all year round
- Applications are made on behalf of the child by a Parent/Carer or another identified support person (Medical professional, caseworker, teacher etc.) aged 18 years and over
- Applicants will be expected to submit a truthful and factual application & attach relevant documentation as evidence, addressing but not limited to the following points:
 - Name and contact details of applicant
 - Details directly related to the child's diagnosis including Doctor's information
 - Details directly related to the item (i.e. wig) including supplier information
 - Financial documents related to household income

Attachments/Evidence

1. Support Letter - Diagnosis

A letter from the child's doctor/paediatrician addressing the child's diagnosis. This letter must not be older than 2 years as of the date of application submission.

2. Household Income – A or B must be attached to the application.

- a. Health Care or Pension Card (view example [here](#))

If one of the Parent/Carers have a Health Care or Pension Card they need to attach a copy of the card. Variety only requires one parent to attach their card. The card must be within date and in the Parent/Carers name (not the child's).

OR

- b. Income

For each Parent/Carer that selects option B, they must provide copies of the most recent documents (no older than 3 months) related to

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- Payslip if currently employed and/or
- Centrelink Statement if currently receiving any benefits
If you are employed and receiving Centrelink payments you need to upload copies of your payslip and Centrelink statement.

3. Quote

A quote directly related to the requested item from your preferred supplier. This must be no older than 3 months at the time of application submission to ensure it remains valid through the assessment process.

Please keep in mind that the assessment process may take up to 6 weeks before you receive an outcome from Variety once you submit an application.

Contribution

Where an applicant is not requesting the full amount of a Wig, they must identify in their application how much they intend on contributing to the total cost so that it reconciles with both the grant amount requested and the quote supplied. (I.e. total quote \$1000, applicant's selects to contribute \$150 so the amount requested for a Variety Grant equals \$850).

Post-Submission and Assessment

- Submissions are assessed by the Variety Kids Support Team
- Eligible submissions are presented to the Kids Support Committee for consideration
- Kids Support Committee meetings are held once a month (except January)

Decision

Outcome letters are emailed to applicants approximately 4-6 weeks after their initial submission

Unsuccessful Applicants

- Reasons pertaining to unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of the Kids Support Committee
- Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply 12 months from the date on the outcome letter

Successful Applicants

- Applicants have 12 months from the date of approval on their outcome letter to use their grant
- No retrospective funding is eligible
- Successful applicants are directed to provide their outcome letter to the supplier associated with their approved granted item
- The supplier must provide a tax invoice to Variety NSW/ACT directly for the approved item and within the approved amount (*please note, Variety NSW/ACT does not provide money directly to applicants and/or Parent/Carers; money is paid directly to suppliers*)
- It is the responsibility of the Parent/Carer to action all appropriate steps after receiving the outcome letter (as directed)
- Any unused and/or unspent funds will be forfeited after the expiry date of the grant

Reporting

The applicant will be asked to complete a short survey at the end of the 12 months. This will be emailed to the applicants prior to the end of their grant expiry.

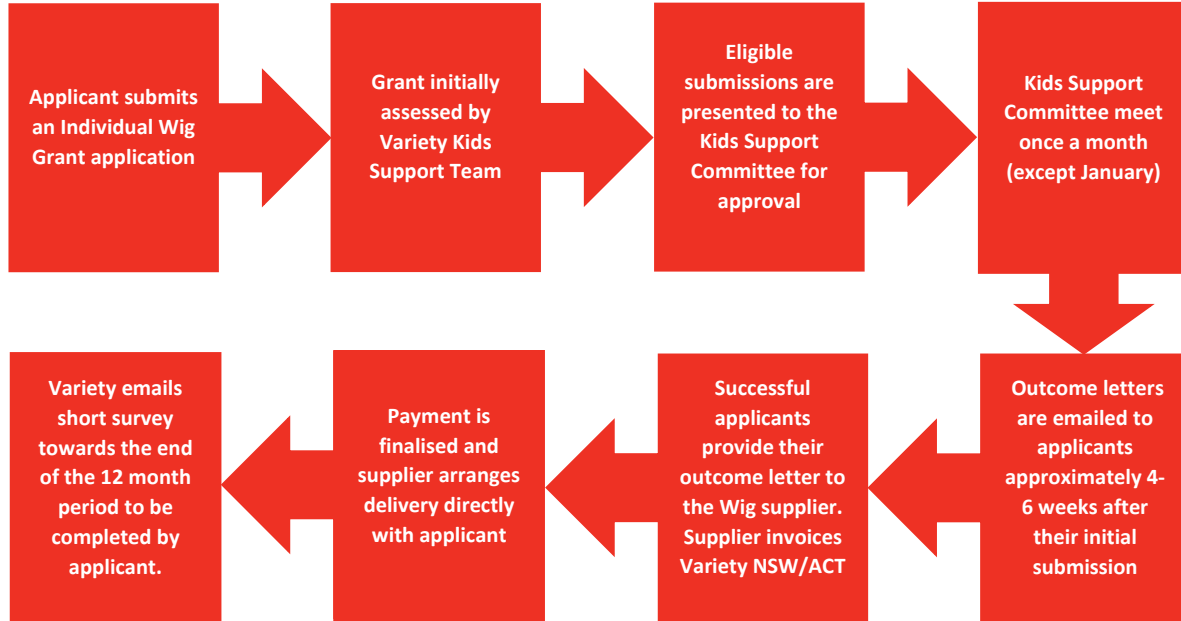
Outside completing a survey and without obligation, Variety enjoys hearing any updates on a child's progress, well-being and achievements once they've received their grant. If the Parent/Carer and the child feel comfortable to share any updates with Variety, please email them through to kidssupport@varietynewsw.org.au.

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Application Steps/Process



If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team on kidssupport@varietyNSW.org.au