



Variety Heart Scholarships

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Variety believes all children deserve a fair go and should have the chance to follow their dreams and fulfil their potential.

A Variety Heart Scholarship is designed to support children with a demonstrated talent in the sports or the arts who are living with a disability, chronic illness, or financial hardship, to reach the next stage of development.

Variety Heart Scholarships are proudly presented by the Grahame Mapp Family Foundation in honour of the late Gillian Mapp.

Eligibility

- Applicants must live in NSW or ACT
- Aged 6 to 18 years
- Have a demonstrated talent
 - which has developed over time
 - can be demonstrated by the child's achievements and
 - is verified (in a support letter) by a professional in the area of talent
- Applicants can apply under one of the following funding categories (A or B)

Funding Option A = Financial hardship

Maximum household gross income of no greater than \$90,000 per year

OR

Funding Option B = Disability or Chronic Illness

Child must have a diagnosed disability or chronic illness and maximum household gross income of no greater than \$130,000 per year

Scholarship Grants

- Available in the areas of the Arts or Sport.
- Applications can be made up to the value of \$5,000 per application.
- Successful applications may receive partial or full funding at the discretion of the Committee.
- Scholarships are valid for 12 months from the date of the approval letter. All allocated funds must be spent within that period. Any unspent allocated funds will be revoked.
- A scholarship report must be submitted within two months of completion of the scholarship (forms will be provided).
- Successive grants are not guaranteed for previous recipients.
- If unsuccessful, applicants may apply for the next round.

Examples of appropriate scholarship requests

Successful applicants may spend their grant across any of the categories listed below:

- Training
- Entry/Competition fees
- Lessons
- Registration costs
- Courses
- Equipment
- Uniforms



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- Airfares (for the child only, to and from appropriate events related to the scholarship e.g., competition)
- Accommodation (e.g., basic/standard hotel room for the child and parent/carer to attend competition)
- Fuel (receipt must be legible, we cannot accept eftpos receipts. This is for travel to and from appropriate events related to the scholarship e.g., competition)

Examples of Scholarship exclusions

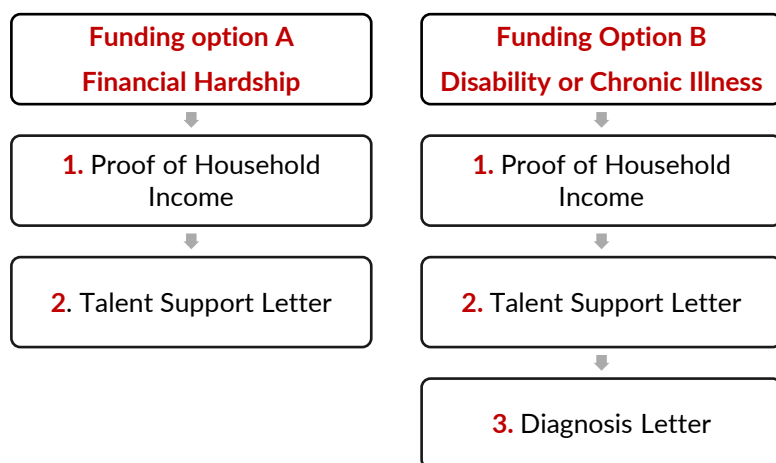
The following requests are examples only; these are just some items which will **NOT** be considered:

- Ongoing funding repairs/maintenance of equipment
- Insurance or warranty costs
- Retrospective funding (reimbursement of any monies paid before a scholarship has been approved)
- Public/private/tertiary school fees/tuition
- Therapies, medical, health costs
- Items or services not directly related to this child/scholarship.

If you have any questions related to the spending of funds under the scholarship, please contact the Kids Support team before applying.

Documentation Required

The following documentation must be attached to each application associated with either Funding A or B:



1. Income	<p>Proof of household Income:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If unemployed and receiving Centrelink payments: your most recent income statement. (You can view, download, or request a copy of your income statement via your Centrelink online account through myGov. Click here for instructions). ii. If employed (full time, part time or casual) and receiving wages: your most recent payslip showing your annual income or your latest ATO Notice of Assessment. (You can view or download a copy of your Notice of Assessment through your myGov. Click here for instructions). iii. If employed and receiving Centrelink payments: your most recent payslip/Notice of Assessment and Centrelink income statement. <p>NOTE: If parents are separated and one is still contributing to the child's needs (but living outside the household), financial information for both parents is required.</p>
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2. Talent Support Letter	<p>A support letter is required from a professional person directly related to the child's talent. The letter must be on a letterhead (no older than 3 months) and needs to be able to address the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Who they are and what role do they play in the child's life.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. E.g.: THE ARTS - Dance, art or music tutors/teachers SPORT - Coaches, teachers, sporting organisationsii. Address the child's demonstrated talent referencing any achievements.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. E.g.: list any medals, awards, competition results, show cases, stages of achievement, exhibitions, exam results, previous scholarships, previous Variety grants, etc.iii. How will receiving the Scholarship assist the child to reach the next stage of development in their talent, achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams. <p>For example of supporting letter, click here</p>
3. Diagnosis Letter	<p>Funding Option B only</p> <p>A letter from the child's doctor (GP, Paediatrician or treating specialist) outlining the child's diagnosis, chronic illness and/or disability.</p> <p>This letter must not be older than 12 months from the date of scholarship application and on an official letterhead.</p>

Decision

Successful Applicants

- Successful applicants will receive approval via email
- Any unused and/or unspent funds will be forfeited after the expiry date of the grant

Unsuccessful Applicants

- Reasons pertaining to unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of the Committee and Variety NSW/ACT and will not be disclosed with the applicant.
- Kids Support team will notify the family/child of the outcome via email.
- Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply in the following round.

Outcome Reporting

The applicant will be requested to complete a short survey between 3-12 months after receiving their grant. This will be emailed to the applicant's parent/carer.

Outside of 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@varietyNSW.org.au.

Scholarship Payments

Variety makes direct payments to suppliers on invoice (reimbursement is available in some circumstances).

Variety will not pay any invoices or provide reimbursement of any monies dated before the scholarship has been approved.

All requests for invoice payment or reimbursement must be uploaded to the applicant's account on the Variety NSW website, using the log in details provided when the application was submitted. It is the families responsibility to



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manage the spending of grant funds and ensure that invoices and receipts meet requirements stated on outcome letters.

Instructions will be provided on the outcome letter.

2024 Timeline

- Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 9amApplications open
- Friday 31st May 2024 at 5pm.....Applications close
- JuneApplications are reviewed and assessed by the Committee
- Mid JulyApplicants receive an email to advise them of the outcome
- Thursday 19th September 2024.....Presentation Night held at Bankstown

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team on (02) 9819 1000 or at kidssupport@varietyNSW.org.au