

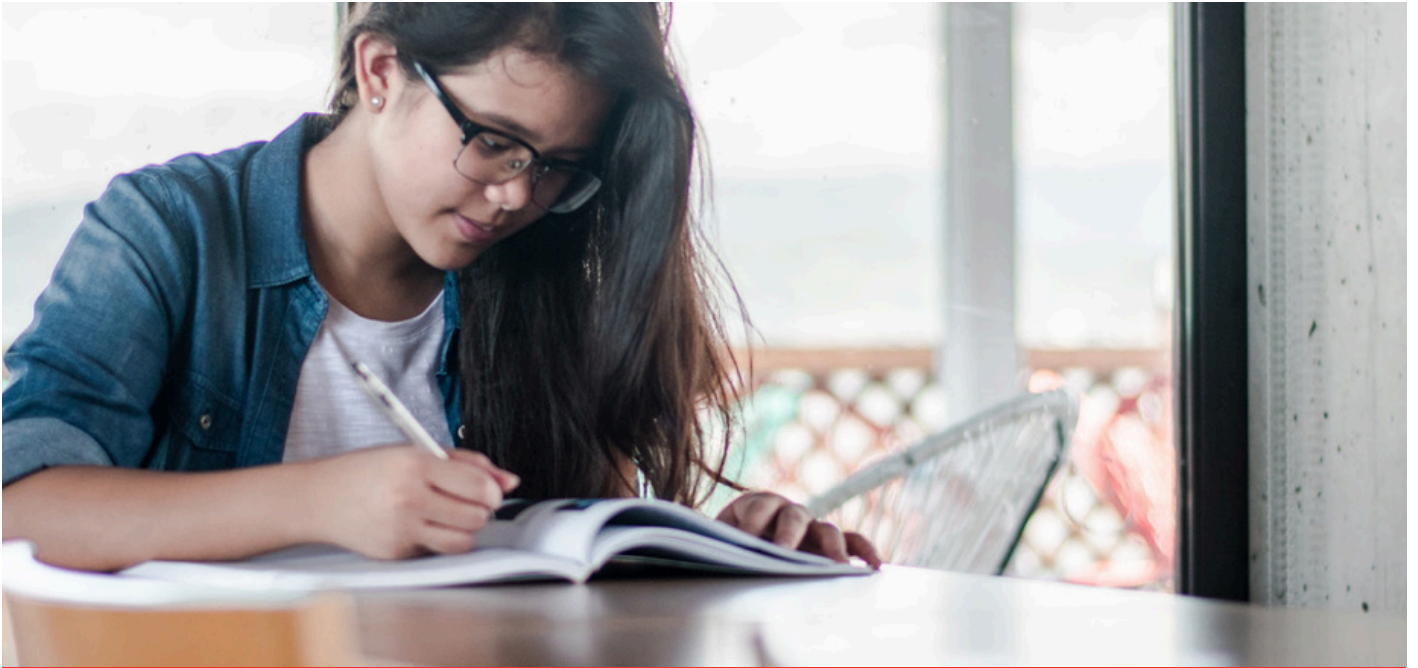
# Boost Grant

Helping you reach your goals



# What is Variety Boost Grant?

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Are you aged 13–18 and in Out of Home Care (OOHC)? The Variety Boost Grant is here to give you the support you need to keep moving forward - whether it's in school, work, or life.

You can apply for up to \$2,000 in one-time funding to help you reach a personal goal. That might mean something for school or work, support for your wellbeing, or a chance to connect with your community. This is your chance to get the resources, services, or support you need to build your future.

## Key Dates

- Applications open: 9am, 10th July 2025
- Applications close: 5pm, 25th July 2025
- Outcomes sent: September 2025

There are two rounds each year, so if you miss one, keep an eye out for the next!



## Who Can Apply?

To be eligible, you must:

- Be 13 to 18 years old
- Be currently in foster care or residential care (OOHC)
- Have your Case Manager's support
- Be enrolled in school, further education, or employed
- Have a clear goal and need support to achieve it
- Live in NSW or ACT
- Not applied for a Boost Grant in the last 12 months

## How to Apply

A responsible adult (like a Carer, Caseworker, or Support Person) can help complete your application.

“Getting this grant for driving lessons meant I could finally start learning like my friends - it's helped me feel more independent and excited about the future.”





# What to include:

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## Your Story and Goal

- What do you need, and why?
- What's your goal, and how will this grant help you reach it?
- What are you applying to buy?
- Who's applying, and what's their relationship to you?

## A Quote

- A quote for the Item or Service
- Less than 3 months old
- Must be valid during the review process

## Support Letter

- Confirms your care, education/employment situation
- Confirms the person applying is the right person to handle the grant
- Opportunity to add extra info here if it helps your explain their goals, challenges, or why this support matters - just keep it relevant to the grant.



# What can I apply for ?

This grant is all about helping you achieve your goals. Think about what will truly make a difference for you. You can only apply for one item or service per application.

Here are some examples:

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## Tech to Get You Started

A laptop (only a Windows model, it will be arranged for order and delivery through Variety).

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## Education and Career Support

Help with course fees, training programs, or certification.

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## Personal Growth & Life Skills

Programs that build confidence, independence, and everyday skills.

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## Community & Social Connection

Activities that help you stay connected to your culture, identity, and community.





# What's Not Covered

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**Here are some examples of things that cannot be bought with the grant money:**

- ♥ Items already bought or ordered before approval received
- ♥ Ongoing costs (like maintenance, insurance, or building work)
- ♥ Paying off debts or emergency/crisis payments
- ♥ Non-essential items (like gaming consoles or expensive items)
- ♥ Respite/holiday care programs
- ♥ Anything that doesn't directly support your goal
- ♥ Things that should be funded by other government agencies (e.g. DCJ, NDIS, Medicare)

Not sure if your request is eligible? Contact the Kids Support team before applying.



## If You're Successful

- You'll hear from us in September 2025
- Funds are paid directly to suppliers (reimbursement may be possible in some cases)
- You'll have 3 months to use the grant, any unused money after that time will no longer be available

## If You're Not Successful

- You'll still be notified through the person who applied for you
- We can't fund every application (even though we'd love to!)
- If you miss out this time, don't give up - you can apply again in 12 months' time





# Share Your Story

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At the end of your grant period, we'll ask you to fill out a short survey to let us know how the grant helped.

We'd also love to hear how you're doing - big wins, small steps, and everything in between! Sharing your story helps us improve the program and inspire others.

Want to share something now or later? Email:  
[kidssupport@variety NSW.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@variety NSW.org.au)

## Need help?

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**Got questions? We're here for you**

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