



## Variety Heart Scholarships WA Guidelines & Eligibility

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Variety recognises the many challenges kids have when living with sickness, disadvantage, or disability. These challenges are often met with determination as many kids go on to achieve success in their chosen fields.

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 education. The scholarship provides practical support in funding tuition, equipment, competition fees and more allowing kids to follow their dreams.

### 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 Education (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
- Family annual household income is within guide\*

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

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

Sport - Basketball, Martial Arts, Athletics, Swimming

Education - Extracurricular academic pursuits

Eligible items (not limited to these)	Request limit \$	Household Income limit*
<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>	\$4,000	\$90,000 (disadvantage)  \$120,000 (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.

### Application process:

1. Complete the online application form, available on our website [here](#).

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

- a. Income statement(s) to confirm annual household income
    - Pay slips
    - Centrelink statements / valid health-care card
    - ATO payment summary (most recent)
  - b. Support Letter addressing the following (from a professional associated with chosen discipline);
    - Who they are and what role they play in your child's life (trainer, coach, instructor etc.)
    - The child's current level, achievements / accolades.
    - How will receiving the Scholarship assist the child to further their development / help reach their goals in their chosen discipline.
  - c. Quotes / breakdown of expenses
  - d. 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 are able to upload to application.
2. Submit application before the closing date of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
  3. Committee review applications
  4. Outcome notifications sent via email

### Ineligible requests:

- Retrospective funding
- School fees / Tutoring (School curriculum)
- Parking, petrol & car costs
- Ongoing repairs/maintenance of equipment
- Travel cost associated with anyone other than recipient

### Additional information:

- Full funding of request is not guaranteed, approvals 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 rescinded.
- Scholarship funds may not be used for purposes other than agreed to in the scholarship application.
- A scholarship report/survey may be requested to be completed (forms will be provided).

## KEY DATES FOR 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications open: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Applications review:

1. November 2022 (application must be submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022)
2. March 2023 (application must be submitted by 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

Outcome notifications:

1. Mid December 2022
2. Late March 2023

Variety Heart Scholarship celebration event: TBC