

WA Scholarship Application

OVERVIEW

The Variety Scholarship Program supports children with an existing talent, who are disadvantaged or living with a disability, to achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams.

Applications can only be accepted for children up to the age of 18 and who are WA residents. Scholarships are awarded to support children in the areas of the arts, sport and education. Scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis and must be spent within 12 months. Scholarships will be awarded up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year, per application.

Scholarship Area	Examples (Note: Scholarships are NOT limited to just these examples)
The Arts	Visual Arts Music Dance Singing
Sport	Basketball Athletics Martial arts Swimming
Education (Extracurricular tuition for intellectual pursuits)	Maths Physics Literature

Examples of items funded:

- Equipment (Art supplies, sports wheelchair, sporting equipment).
- Tuition.
- Competition Fees.

Examples of previous Scholarships are listed below:

- **Female, 14:** Sport - Athletics (Training fees and equipment - \$3,000).
- **Male, 15:** The Arts - Singing (Vocal lessons - \$5,000).
- **Female, 14:** The Arts - Visual Arts (Art classes, art materials, artwork framing and exhibition and entry fees and catalogues - \$4,500).

PROCESS

The acceptance period for Scholarship applications are advertised and applications are accepted, from the beginning of September each year. Each Scholarship grant application is considered by a committee of independent experts in the sector. Successful recipients are notified in January, with the Scholarship funding available in the New Year.

Our rigorous review process helps to ensure the Scholarship grants are distributed appropriately.

Variety requests that two updates are submitted over the 12 month Scholarship, detailing the child's progress.

PRESENTATION

In March/April, a presentation is held to celebrate and congratulate our Scholarship recipients, and to enable up-and-coming performers to demonstrate their talents.

GUIDELINES

1. Applications may be made on behalf of a child aged up to the age of 18, at December 2016, who is sick, disadvantaged or has special needs, who display an existing talent and commitment in the areas of the arts, sport and education.
2. Applications may be made on behalf of children who live in WA.
3. Scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis and should be spent within 12 months. If circumstances change, this may be extended.
4. Grants will be limited to a maximum of \$5,000 per year, per application. Grants may be renewed with a new application submitted each year.
5. The following information must be attached to this application:
 - a. Current financial information from the child's family. Please include copies of payslips and/or Centrelink Income Statements. Documents should be less than 3 months old if possible.
 - b. Documented evidence of funding required. For example, competition entry fees, tuition costs, equipment costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000.
 - c. For equipment purchases, where possible, two quotes should be attached. The quotes should be less than three months old. When all other things are equal, Variety will pay for the cheaper of the quotes presented. The two quote rule can be varied where there is only one supplier. Variety reserves the right to use preferred suppliers. Once granted Variety has no responsibility for ongoing maintenance or repairs of the equipment.
 - d. Two supporting letters from professional sources, which could be a Coach, Social Worker or other professional relevant to the applicant. The supporting letters should be less than three months old. The letters should include information relating to:
 - i. The child's disability or disadvantage.
 - ii. The effect of the disability or disadvantage on the quality of life of the child and their family.
 - iii. How a scholarship in the child's chosen interest area is beneficial to the child.
 - iv. Evidence of the child's achievements in and commitment to the chosen interest area.

6. The complete application is considered by the Grants Committee in December 2016.
7. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in writing by January 2017.
8. Once a grant is approved:
 - a. Funds will either be paid directly to suppliers on invoice, or will be reimbursed to a family upon proof of payment. Cash payment will not be made directly to a child's family in advance of a purchase.
 - b. The grant should be spent within 12 months of the approval date. Upon expiration, the grant will lapse.
 - c. Scholarships are awarded at a yearly ceremony held in March/April. Attendance of all Scholarship recipients at this presentation ceremony is encouraged.
 - d. If a Scholarship grant is approved, Variety requests that two updates are submitted, detailing the child's progress.
 - e. The interest area of the Scholarship cannot be varied without the prior consent of the Grants Committee.
9. The following types of applications will NOT be considered:
 - a. Ongoing funding, such as repairs or maintenance of equipment.
 - b. Salaries or administration expenses
 - c. Research
 - d. Carer's expenses
 - e. General and cash donations
 - f. Retrospective funding
 - g. Standard school / tutoring fees

CONTACT DETAILS

Child's Details

This form is to be completed by a parent or guardian of the grant applicant.

Child's Name First Name Last Name

Is this child an Australian resident or citizen? Yes No

Variety WA will still consider non-residents for scholarship funding

If no, please provide details of residency status

Child's Age Child's Date of Birth

Child's Gender

What school does the child attend?

Description of disability or disadvantage

Parent or Guardian's Details

Parent or Guardian 1: First Name Surname

Parent or Guardian 2: First Name Surname

Relationship to Child

Residential Address

Suburb State Postcode

Home Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number 1

Mobile Phone Number 2

Personal Email

Number of Dependants (under 18 years)

Ages of Dependants

Is either Parent or Guardian currently receiving Government assistance? Yes No

Is either Parent or Guardian currently employed? Yes No

DETAILS OF REQUEST

Area of Interest

Please select your child's area of interest

- The Arts
 Sport
 Education (extra-curricular)

Please list your child's goals in their area(s) of interest

Please list the major achievements that your child has accomplished to date in their area(s) of interest

Scholarship Request

Please list all the costings that the funding will cover for the coming year, up to a maximum grand total of \$5,000 ex GST.

Date and Activity/Equipment/Service	Approximate Cost ex GST
	Total

DETAILS OF REQUEST (continued)

Please specify the total amount of the Scholarship Request

Details of why your child is deserving and how they will benefit from the Scholarship



Please attach up to three quotes, if applicable

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Government Assistance

Government Assistance 1



Please attach a copy of a Centrelink Income Statement

Government Assistance 2



Please attach a copy of a Centrelink Income Statement

Income Details

Gross Annual Income Amount 1



Please attach a copy of a payslip

Gross Annual Income Amount 2



Please attach a copy of a payslip

**Gross Annual Income includes tax in the dollar amount*

Financial Considerations

Current Housing Situation

Have you approached any other sources for financial assistance?

If you have approached other sources for financial assistance, please provide brief details

Have you previously received assistance from Variety?

If you have previously received assistance from Variety, please provide brief details

REFEREE DETAILS

Support for this Application - Referee 1 (eg. Tutor, Therapist, Supporter etc.)

Please note that we may contact this reference to discuss your application

Referee 1 Name

Referee 1 Position

Referee 1 Organisation

Referee 1 Phone Number

Referee 1 Email

Relationship to Child



Please attach Referee 1's supporting letter

Support for this Application - Referee 2

Please note that we may contact this reference to discuss your application

Referee 2 Name

Referee 2 Position

Referee 2 Organisation

Referee 2 Phone Number

Referee 2 Email

Relationship to Child



Please attach Referee 2's supporting letter

CONSENT DETAILS

Consent

Please note that your answers have no bearing on the outcome of your application.

I / We give consent for Variety to generate publicity through print and electronic media, and / or request to participate in a presentation, should this application be successful. Yes No

I / We would like to join Variety's mailing list, to hear all of Variety's latest news. Yes No

How did you hear about Variety?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Variety website
<input type="checkbox"/> Social media (eg. Facebook, Twitter)
<input type="checkbox"/> Press (eg. newspaper, radio, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Therapist/Doctor
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Other website <i>(please specify)</i>
<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth
<input type="checkbox"/> School
<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/> |
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Checklist

Please tick boxes to confirm your application is complete.



- Attached Quote(s) for item (if applicable)
- Financial documents
- Two supporting letters

Privacy Collection Statement

Your privacy is respected by Variety. The personal information you provide on this form (including sensitive information about your child's health) will be used to assess your eligibility. If you do not provide the requested information, we may be unable to confirm your eligibility.

Your personal information may be provided to organisations that assist us including overseas organisations in the United States of America and elsewhere [NB: see above comment], or as required or authorised by the Privacy Act 1988 (as amended). We will not use any of your sensitive information for marketing purposes, without your prior consent.

If you have any privacy concerns or would like to verify or correct information held about you, please contact Variety WA on 08 9355 3655. Further information including how you can complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles can be found in our Privacy Policy available at www.variety.org.au/privacy.

Submission of this application to Variety does not expressly mean or imply that Variety has accepted your application. Variety is under no obligation, legal or otherwise, to process your application to a successful conclusion. Each application will be determined on its merits, and within Variety's funding guidelines. Variety is not liable for any loss or damage whatsoever upon your application being declined.

By forwarding this application to Variety, you acknowledge that any and all implied terms and conditions or warranties implied by law are excluded. You acknowledge on making this application that Variety has not made any representation, or given any promise or undertaking as to the fitness of any equipment or product(s) sought to be supplied to you in pursuant to this application. It is solely for you to determine whether the equipment or product being sought is fit for its purposes. Variety may arrange for the supply and delivery of equipment or a product, but it is neither the vendor nor the supplier of any equipment or product. Accordingly, Variety will not be responsible for any direct or consequential loss or damage arising or related in any way to this application or its subject matter.

As Parent or Guardian, I consent to Variety collecting the information provided on this form. I have read and agree to Variety's guidelines. I understand that if I do not provide the information requested, I may be ineligible to receive assistance from Variety.

Parent/Guardian *(please sign)*
 Name Date

If you need any assistance to complete this application please contact
Variety WA - (08) 9355 3655 or grants@varietywa.org.au

Please post, fax or email the completed form with relevant supporting documents, as per the above
checklist, to:

Post: Variety – the Children’s Charity WA, PO Box 669, Victoria Park WA 6979

Fax: 08 9355 3655

Email: grants@varietywa.org.au