



## Variety Heart Scholarships WA Guidelines

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Variety believes all Aussie kids deserve a fair go, and that all kids should have the chance to follow their dreams and fulfil their potential.

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

### Eligibility

- Applicants must reside in WA
- Applications can only be accepted for children aged up to the age of 18 years
- Applicants must demonstrate existing talent, passion and achievement in one of these areas; The Arts, Sport or Education (extracurricular)
- Applications are capped to a request of \$4,000 or under

### Scholarship Areas:

These are examples only – not limited to the following;

#### The Arts

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

#### Sport

Basketball, Martial Arts, Athletics, Swimming

#### Education

Maths, Physics, Literature

### Examples of appropriate Scholarship requests

The Applicant can select one or more to form part of their scholarship request. This will form the basis of the Scholarship grant and cannot be amended after the approval date.

- Tuition/training fees
- Entry/Competition fees
- Supplies/resources
- Courses
- Equipment
- Uniforms
- Travel expenses (for competitions – recipient only)



### **Examples of Scholarship exclusions**

The following requests are examples only:

- Ongoing funding repairs/maintenance of equipment
- General administration expenses
- Retrospective funding
- Public/Private/Tertiary School fees/tuition
- Therapies, Medical, Health costs
- Parking, Petrol & car costs
- Items or services not directly related to this child/scholarship

### **How to apply:**

1. Complete the online application form
2. Include the following supporting documentation;
  - a. **Income statements:**

Documents must be current – up to three months is acceptable.

    - Payslips and/or
    - Centrelink Statements or
    - Self-employed may include most recent tax return
  - b. **Support Letter**

Support letter is required from a professional person directly related to the child's talent. The following points will need to be addressed in their support letter in order for the application to be considered.

    - Who they are and what role do they play in your child's life (trainer, coach, instructor etc.)
    - Address the child's existing talent referencing where appropriate, any successes - medals, awards, competition results, show cases, stages of achievement, exhibitions, exam results, etc.
    - How will receiving the Scholarship assist the child further to reach the next stage of development in their talent, achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams?
  - c. **Examples of work (The Arts)**
    - If the applicant is applying for a Scholarship under 'The Arts' we be required to submit an example of their work within their chosen field;  
\*Please try to keep files to maximum of 5MB so they are able to uploaded to online application.
      - Photos (art – drawings / painting / digital works)
      - Video (dance, singing, music, instruments, performing arts)
      - Audio file (singing, music, instruments)
3. Submit application with all requirement documentation before the closing date.



**Additional information:**

- Successive grants are not guaranteed for previous recipients
- If unsuccessful, applicants may apply for the next round
- Scholarship applications that receive approval may be allocated partial or full funding at the discretion of the Committee
- No grant money is provided directly to the child/families – funds can be accessed through direct payments to suppliers on invoice, or reimbursement upon proof of purchase.
- Scholarships are valid for 12 months (January to December). 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 at points throughout the year to keep up to date on progress of recipient (forms will be provided)

**CURRENT DATES FOR 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS**

**23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019**.....Opening date for applications

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2019** .....Closing date for applications

**December 2019** .....Applications are reviewed

**December 2019** .....Outcome letters are sent to applicant's families via email

**April 2020** .....Variety Heart Scholarship Presentation (dates & venues TBC)

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team at:  
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