



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 and 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.

The Jack Eadon Equestrian Variety Heart Scholarship recognises and honours Jack Eadon, his generosity, talent, and impact in the equestrian community.

## Eligibility

- Applicants must live in Victoria
- Applications can only be accepted for children aged 8 to 17 years
- Only one scholarship may be held by a child in any 12-month period
- Applicants must have a demonstrated talent which has developed over time and can be identified by the child's achievements and 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 (excluding superannuation) of no greater than \$90,000 per year); OR
- *Funding Option B* = Disability or Chronic Illness (child must have a diagnosis and maximum household gross income (excluding superannuation) of no greater than \$130,000 per year).

## Scholarship Grants

Scholarships are available in the areas of the Arts or Sport.

- The Arts may include, but is not limited to:
  - Visual Arts; Ceramics, drawing, painting, photography, filmmaking, game design/coding
  - Performing Arts; dance, music, theatre
  - Literary Arts; fiction, drama, poetry, prose
- Sport may include, but is not limited to:
  - Physical sports; ball sports, athletics, cycling, gym sports, swimming, martial arts
  - Mind sports; board games, card games, e-sports
  - Motor sports; car, bikes, boats
  - Animal Assisted sports; equestrian, canine
- Scholarship applications can be made up to the value of \$5,000 per application.
- Successful scholarship 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 Any unspent allocated funds will be rescinded.
- 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/Coaching/Classes/Lessons
- Entry/Competition fees



- Registration costs
- Equipment
- Uniforms
- 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)

## 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 Variety Kids Support team ([kidssupport@varietyvic.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@varietyvic.org.au)) before applying.

## Documentation Required

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

Applying under **Funding Option A: Financial Disadvantage** OR **Funding Option B: Disability or Chronic Illness**

1. Proof of household Income

**For all applicants:** your most recent ATO Income statement. **PLUS**

- i. If unemployed and receiving Centrelink payments: your most recent activity statement. (You can view, download or request a copy of your activity statement via your Centrelink online account through myGov).
- ii. If employed (full time, part time or casual) and receiving wages: your most recent payslip. This must show your annual income.
- iii. If employed and receiving Centrelink payments: your most recent payslip and Centrelink activity statement.
- iv. If self-employed your most recent Tax Return.

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.

2. Support Letter

A support letter is required from a professional person directly related to the child's talent. The letter must be on a letterhead and signed and dated (no older than 3 months) and needs to be able to address the following points for the application to be considered:

- i. Who they are and what role do they play in the child's life.
  - E.g.: THE ARTS - Dance, art or music tutors/teachers SPORT - Coaches, teachers, sporting organisations
- ii. Address the child's demonstrated talent referencing any achievements.
  - 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.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT Funding Option B: Disability or Chronic Illness**

3. A letter from the child's GP, paediatrician, or medical specialist which must reference the child's diagnosis/conditions, as listed in the application.

## Decision

### Unsuccessful Applicants

- Reasons pertaining to unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of the Committee and Variety Victoria
- Kids Support team will notify the family/child of the outcome via email
- Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply in the following round

### Successful Applicants

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

## Scholarship Payments

Variety makes direct payments to suppliers on invoice (reimbursement is not available).

All requests for invoice payment must be emailed to [kidssupport@varietyvic.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@varietyvic.org.au) and quoting the application number in the email subject line.

Instructions will be provided on the outcome letter.

### 1) Invoice requirements

Contact your chosen supplier/service provider and request an itemised tax invoice:

This invoice must:

- a) Include the company logo/abn.
- b) Be addressed to Variety – the Children's Charity VIC
- c) Be a **tax invoice** NOT a purchase order, a receipt, or a quote
- d) Be dated (after the approval date on the outcome letter)
- e) Include the scholarship reference number & child's name
- f) Include an itemised list of items/services and their cost
- g) Outline if and where GST is applicable (GST included or No GST)
- h) Include the bank details for EFT payment

Payments may take up to 2 weeks to process

### 2024 Timeline

- Tuesday 1 August 2023 at 9am Applications open
- Friday 20 September 2023 at 5pm Applications close
- October and November Applications are reviewed and assessed by the Committee
- Late November/Early December Applicants receive an email to advise them of the outcome
- Term 1 2024 Presentation Night to be confirmed

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team at [kidssupport@varietyvic.org.au](mailto:kidssupport@varietyvic.org.au)