

VARIETY TASMANIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

What is the Variety Scholarship Program?

The Variety Tasmania Scholarship Program is part of our Future Kids Program. The intent of the Scholarship Program is to support children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs. The aim is to further develop skills or talents in a specific area, to assist individual children to achieve their full potential and follow their life aspirations. Areas covered by Scholarship Grants include: Arts, Sport, Business and Education. Scholarship Grant applications can be lodged at any time and, if successful, will be valid for a 12 month period. Scholarship Grants are awarded to a total of \$5000.00 per child. Applications for Scholarship Grants must be lodged by July 31, 2016.

What can the Scholarship be used for? Who can apply?

Scholarship Grants can be used to fund:

- Equipment purchase (e.g. art supplies, sports wheelchairs, sporting equipment, musical instruments, uniforms etc.);
- Tuition fees;
- Competition fees;
- Travel costs to and from education/training programs; and
- Levies/Fees for skills based courses (such as forklift licence, traineeships, apprenticeships etc.).

The Grant does not cover on-going costs for such things as repairs/maintenance or equipment replacement.

Applications are accepted for children living in Tasmania who are 17 years of age or younger and who are:

- sick;
- disadvantaged; or
- have special needs

Special needs or disadvantaged may be categorised as:

- Physical, mental or psychological disability;
- Geographical isolation; or
- Socio-economic or financial hardship

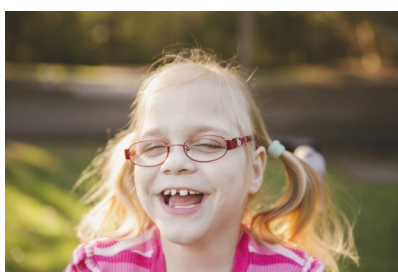
The Scholarship application must be submitted by the child's parent or guardian.

Important information you need to know

Applications must include:

- A description, in the applicant's own words, of their goals and aspirations and how the Scholarship Grant will help achieve these;
- Two references from a coach, mentor, tutor or teacher;
- Household financial information (such as payslip, Centrelink statement); and
- Quote(s) to demonstrate how the total for the Grant application has been derived.

Funds will be paid directly to the supplier of the goods/services on receipt of an invoice.



For further information about the Variety Scholarship Program and to submit an application, please visit www.variety.org.au/tas or contact Variety Tasmania on 03 6248 4888.

Terms & Conditions

1. Applications may be made on behalf of an individual child up to the age of 17, who is sick, disadvantaged, or has special needs. This child must display an existing talent or commitment in the areas of arts, business, sports or education.
2. Applications can only be made on behalf of children who are permanent residents of Tasmania.
3. Scholarship Grants of \$300.00 upwards will be considered, but are limited to \$5000.00 per years per Applicant.
4. Scholarships do not cover ongoing funding (repairs and maintenance), salaries, research, carer's expenses, general and cash donations, retrospective funding or standard school/tutoring fees.
5. Scholarships are only awarded on the basis of merit. Variety Tasmania reserves the right to close the Scholarship Application round without choosing a successful Grant recipient, as deemed appropriate by the Grants Committee.
6. The Scholarship Application form must be fully completed and the following information must be attached to each Application:
 - a. One copy of a recent document that includes your name and address (e.g. copy of driver's licence, vehicle registration, phone or electricity bill);
 - b. Current financial information from the child's household. This will include copies of payslips and/or Centrelink statements. Documents must be less than 2 months old. The most recent ATO Notice of Assessment can be provided for those that are self-employed.
 - c. Two supporting letters from professional sources (e.g. coach, tutor, teacher, health professional etc.) stating why the Scholarship would be of benefit to the child and why the child is worthy of the Scholarship.
 - d. Documented evidence of the funding required (e.g. quotes for equipment, competition entry fees, tuition costs etc.). Where possible two quotes should be attached. The quotes must be less than two months old and include freight charges if applicable. The two quote rule can be varied if the child's family is in a remote area and there is only one supplier nearby, or if there is only one supplier in Tasmania. When all other things are equal and only the price is affected, Variety will only pay for the most competitive of the quotes presented.
7. For the area of interest that requires funding, evidence of any achievements and commitment to the chosen area should be demonstrated in writing (as per application form).
8. Scholarship applications will be forwarded to Variety's Grants Committee and Board for careful consideration and decision.
9. If further information or clarification is required regarding a child's Scholarship Application, the parent/guardian will be contacted by Variety Tasmania staff.
10. If the Application is approved, funds will be paid directly to the supplier on receipt of an invoice. No payment will be made directly to the child, nor will cash payments be made.
11. When the equipment is delivered, the ownership is transferred directly from the supplier to the child. As Variety is not the owner of the equipment, it is not liable for any on-going maintenance or insurance costs.
12. Equipment and services granted cannot be varied without the prior consent of the Grants Committee.
13. Variety Tasmania will acknowledge receipt of your Scholarship Application by email or letter.
14. All applications are assessed by an independent Grants Committee, which usually meets at the beginning of each month. Requests may take between six to eight weeks for a decision to be made.
15. Successful Scholarships will be awarded at a luncheon ceremony.
16. For successful applicants, Variety Tasmania requests that the child's parent/guardian provide at least two updates of the child's progress within six and twelve months of receiving the Scholarship Grant funding.
17. Scholarship Grants must be spent within 12 months.