

Variety Heart Scholarship Application 2026

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Welcome and thank you for your interest in a Variety Heart Scholarship

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Before You Begin

Please read the [guidelines](#) before starting the application or visit our [website](#) for frequently asked questions.

Applications that do not meet the guidelines will automatically be declined. If you are unsure, please contact our team.

The Variety Heart Scholarship, proudly supported by the Grahame Mapp Family Foundation, is a competitive program designed to support children with an existing talent who are living with disability, chronic illness, financial hardship or geographic isolation. Our Scholarship helps recipients take the next step in developing their talent, reach their full potential, and follow their dreams.

Scholarships are available in the areas of:

- The Arts
- Sport
- Education

Funding supports items and expenses that enhance access, inclusion, and opportunity for children aged 6 to 17 who are experiencing:

- Financial disadvantage
- Geographic isolation
- Disability or chronic illness

Application Support

We are committed to creating an accessible and inclusive application process that supports people from all backgrounds, experiences and abilities to apply with confidence.

We recognise that everyone engages differently, and we have flexible options for our application submissions to ensure you can complete your application in a way that works for you. We also know that no application process is perfect or fully accessible to everyone. Here are some ways to submit an application:

- You can complete this online application form
- Our team can complete the application with you over the phone
- You can download the form, fill it in by hand, and email it to us
- You can create a video submission and send to our team

If you choose to submit a video, please make sure your responses address the key application questions.

Supporting Documentation

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Please note that supporting documentation, such as diagnosis letters, income statements and referral letters are required and must be submitted as part of your application.

Contact Us

If you need support completing your application, our team is here to help. We can assist over the phone or in a way that suits you. If you have any questions or need help at any stage, please get in touch. Email is our preferred method of contact, and we ask that you include as much detail as possible about your request. Our team is often out in the community or delivering programs, so we may not always be able to respond straight away, but we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Phone: **(07) 3907 9330** Email: **kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au**

Scholarship Timeline

Below is the timeline for the 2026/2027 Variety Heart Scholarship cycle. Please ensure you are able to meet these dates and use the scholarship funding before submitting an application. Failure to meet these obligations will result in funding being reallocated.

Date

Activity

1 July 2026

Applications open

31 August 2026

Applications close

15 September 2026

Applications presented to Board

28 September 2026

Recipients announced

30 April 2027

6-month update due (survey will be sent to recipients via email)

September 2027

Final month to submit expenses

16 October 2027

12-month update due (survey will be sent to recipients via email)

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a Variety QLD Heart Scholarship:

- The child must reside in Queensland
- The child must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident

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- Applicants must be aged 6 to 17 years
- Applicants must demonstrate an existing talent in one of the following areas:
 - The Arts
 - Sport
 - Education
- For applicants applying under financial hardship, household income after tax must not exceed \$5,500 per month
- For applicants applying under disability or chronic illness, household income after tax must not exceed \$8,000 per month
- Variety will not fund items that are the responsibility of the NDIS

I acknowledge that I have read the Scholarship guidelines and that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements *

- ☐ Yes
☐ Other:

Family Details

* indicates a required field

Please note that providing certain information is a required part of the scholarship application. All responses are protected in line with our privacy policy and will be stored securely and only be accessed by our staff and assessment committee.

Some questions ask for sensitive information to help us understand your circumstances and assess your application as fairly as possible. If you are not comfortable answering a question, you may choose to select "Prefer not to answer" or "Other" where available. Please note this may impact our ability to fully consider your application.

Providing false or misleading information may result in your application not being considered. Our team may contact you if we need further information or clarification about your circumstances.

You can view our Variety Australia Terms and Privacy Policy [here](#).

Under what circumstances is the applicant applying for a Scholarship? *

- ☐ Financial Disadvantage
☐ Geographic Isolation
☐ Disability or Chronic Illness

Which of the following best describes the applicant's living arrangement? *

- ☐ Lives with 1 parent or carer only
☐ Lives with 2 parents or carers (either in the same household or shared care)
☐ Lives in foster care, kinship care or out of home care
☐ Other:

Which best describes the financial support currently available to the applicant? *

- ☐ 1 parent or carer is the only financial provider

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- ☐ 1 parent or carer is the primary provider, with some support from another parent or carer
- ☐ 2 parents or carers share financial responsibility
- ☐ No financial support is currently provided
- ☐ Other:

What language is primarily spoken at home? *

- ☐ English
- ☐ Other:

- ☐ Prefer not to say

Applicants Details

Applicants Name *

First Name

Last Name

Applicants Gender *

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other:

Applicants Age *

Must be a number

Applicants Date of Birth *

Must be a date

Is the Applicant an Australian citizen? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, please provide details of residency status

Does the Applicant identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please upload a current photo of your child participating in their chosen activity. This assists with putting a face to the child's

Attach a file:

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name during the time of review, *

Primary Parent or Guardian Details

Primary Parent or Carer *

First Name

Last Name

Relationship to Applicant *

Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

This will be the primary contact number used for all scholarship communication.

Email *

Must be an email address.

This will be the primary contact method used for all scholarship communication.

Number of Dependants (under 18 years) *

Does the primary parent or guardian receive any income (for example wages, Centrelink, or investments)? *

☐ Yes

☐ No. Annual Income is \$0 and not received from any source

Primary Parent or Caregiver Income Details

Please provide your most recent payslips and income documentation, including evidence of total income received over the past 12 months (for example wages, Support payments, Centrelink or government payments, investments, or rental income).

If your payslips or tax return clearly show your annual income, this will be sufficient. If not, you may be asked to provide additional documentation to demonstrate your income over the full 12 month period.

You can download your Centrelink Income Statement if you have your online log-ins [here](#).

You can find information about accessing your ATO income statement [here](#).

Failure to declare income, or providing false or misleading information, may result in your application being declined.

Primary Parent or Caregiver Total Annual Income *

Must be a number.

Must be the total of all income received annually

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Please attach ALL relevant documents showing annual income. *

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A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

Secondary Parent of Guardian Details

Please note that providing income information is a mandatory requirement of the scholarship application. Failure to declare income, or providing false or misleading information, may result in your application being declined.

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Relationship to Applicant *

Relationship to Primary Parent or Guardian *

Email

Must be an email address.

Does the secondary parent or caregiver have the same primary address as child? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Does the secondary parent or guardian receive any income (for example wages, Centrelink, or investments)? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No. Annual Income is \$0 and not received from any source

Secondary Parent of Caregiver Income Details

Please provide your most recent payslips and income documentation, including evidence of total income received over the past 12 months (for example wages, Support payments, Centrelink or government payments, investments, or rental income).

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Secondary Parent or Caregiver Annual Income *

Must be a number.

Please attach ALL relevant documents showing annual income. *

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Scholarship Details

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Scholarship

What field does your child have an existing talent in? *

- ☐ Arts
- ☐ Sport
- ☐ Education

Does your child require specialist or adaptive equipment to participate in their chosen field? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Occasionally

Scholarship Funding

Funding may cover:

- Fees
- Training and coaching
- Competition or entry fees
- Lessons or tuition
- Supplies and resources, for example specialised shoes or swimwear
- Maintenance and repairs of essential equipment
- Courses
- Travel, including flights and public transport
- Accommodation for competitions or events
- Equipment
- Uniforms

Note: Proof of participation is required for travel and accommodation.

Funding outside this scope may be considered at the discretion of the Grants Manager. If you are unsure, please contact the Kids Support team before applying. Expenses not approved may not be reimbursed. **The following costs are not eligible:**

- Retrospective expenses
- School fees

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- Therapy, assessments, medical or health related costs
- Petrol, parking, tolls, or general vehicle costs
- Daily living expenses such as food or drinks
- Items not directly related to the scholarship purpose

If the applicant has applied for or is currently receiving any other funding or scholarships related to their chosen area, please provide details below.

Organisation/Fund	Value Received	Outcome
	Must be a dollar amount.	
	\$	
	\$	

Area of Interest

Please fill in the questions below and tell us all about the applicant's talent!

Please outline the applicants goals for the 2026 - 2027 Scholarship period *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

For example: Make the Australian National Team or compete at Queensland Finals Competition

Please outline the applicant's long term goals in relation to their Scholarship area *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

For example: Billy wishes to compete at the 2032 Paralympic Games or Mia hopes to build a career as a professional musician

Please outline the applicant's main achievements to date and the milestones they are most proud of in their area of interest *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

These can be big or small - competitions, performances, personal growth, school achievements or moments of determination.

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Please outline why the applicant is deserving of this scholarship and what difference receiving it would make for them and their family *

Word count:
Must be between 25 and 150 words.
Must be at least 25 words

Optional: Demonstration of Talent (Video or Images)

You may upload a video or images of the applicant showcasing their talent to support the application. This does not need to be professionally produced and can be as simple as a short clip or photo.

For performance based applications, we **highly** recommend uploading a video where possible to help demonstrate the applicant's talent.

While not required, this may help provide additional context for our assessors.

Upload Video or Images

Attach a file:

A maximum of 3 files may be attached.

Scholarship Funding Distribution

Successful scholarships are awarded up to \$5,000 to support costs related to the applicants talent.

Please provide a rough estimate of the expenses you anticipate during the 2026 to 2027 scholarship period.

Activity/Equipment/Service	Approximate Cost
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Do you expect the applicant will need the full \$5,000 in scholarship funding to support their chosen area? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

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Professional Referee Details

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Referee Details

A support letter is required from a professional connected to the child's talent, such as a coach, teacher, or tutor.

You can either upload this letter below **OR send the following link to your support professional to complete:** <https://form.jotform.com/261957613832868>

The letter must include:

- Who they are and their relationship to the applicant
- Evidence of the child's existing talent, including achievements such as awards, competitions, or performances
- How the scholarship will help the child progress to the next level

Complete referee details must be provided. Please note that we may contact this referee to discuss the application.

Referee Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Referee Job Title *

Referee Organisation *

Referee Contact Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Referee Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Referees Relationship to Child *

Referee Letter

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You can either upload the letter above OR send the following link to your support professional to complete before the due date: <https://form.jotform.com/261957613832868>

Please note, applications will not be considered without a professional support letter.

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Medical Referee

If applying under "Disability or Chronic Illness" a formal diagnosis letter from the applicants doctor must be uploaded below.

Medical Referee Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

**Medical Referee
Organisation/Company ***

**Medical Referee Contact
Number ***

Medical Referee Email

Email address must be linked to organisation or company where referee is employed

**Medical Referee Letter
Confirming Diagnosis ***

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Application Submission

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Optional: Please share any additional information you feel is relevant or not captured elsewhere in the application:

For example: financial challenges, health needs, changes in family circumstances, or barriers to accessing opportunities

Referral

How did you hear about the Variety Heart Scholarship? *

- ☐ Variety website
- ☐ Social media (eg Facebook, Instagram etc)
- ☐ Press (eg newspaper, radio, etc)
- ☐ Referee (eg Therapist, Doctor, etc)
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ School
- ☐ Other:

Scholarship Declaration

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Please tick the boxes below to confirm you understand what is required and agree to the scholarship terms: *

- ☐ I confirm all information provided is true and correct
- ☐ I understand all funds must be spent before September 2027
- ☐ I agree to complete a 12-Month Scholarship Survey
- ☐ I agree to complete a 6-Month Scholarship Survey

Privacy Collection Statement

Your privacy is respected by Variety. The personal information you provide on this form (including sensitive information about your health) will be used to assess your eligibility.

If you have any privacy concerns or would like to verify information held about you please contact Variety Queensland on 07 3907 9300.

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

You can view our Variety Australia Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy [here](#).

Please confirm you have read, understood, and agree to the terms outlined on this page, the Scholarship Guidelines, and throughout the application

- ☐ I confirm and agree

Media Consent

As part of our scholarship program, we are required to provide updates and share the stories and impact of our recipients. We understand that circumstances can vary, and we are happy to discuss any concerns with you.

Choosing not to provide media consent will not prevent you from applying. However, as storytelling and reporting is an important part of funding, it may be hinder your application.

Please review our Media Consent information [here](#) before answering.

As the parent, guardian, or authorised carer, do you consent to Variety sharing updates or media about the applicant?

- ☐ YES, I give my consent (this can be revoked at any time)
- ☐ NO, I do not give my consent

Application Support

If you need support completing your application, our team is here to help. We can assist over the phone or in a way that suits your needs.

If you experience any difficulties or require assistance at any stage, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please email **kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au** in the first instance, including as much detail as possible about your request.

You can also call us on **(07) 3907 9330** during business hours. As our team is often working in the community or delivering programs, we may not always be available to answer your call. If we miss you, we will return your call as soon as possible.

Email is the preferred method of contact.

Email: kidssupport@varietyqld.org.au

Phone: (07) 3907 9330

We're grateful to the Grahame Mapp Family Foundation for helping make these opportunities possible for children to reach their full potential.