

# Variety Tasmania Scholarship Guidelines

## Purpose

Variety's Scholarships support Tasmanian children in further developing their skills or talents, allowing them to achieve their full potential and to follow their life aspirations.

## Criteria

Applications are accepted for children up to the age of 17 who are sick, disadvantaged, or have special needs for the areas of *The Arts, Sport, Education and Business*. Specific examples are listed below as a guide only (please note, Scholarships are no limited to just these examples – please contact Variety on (03) 6248 4888 if you have any queries):

Area:	Examples:
<b>The Arts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Arts (drawing, painting, sculpture, crafts, photography)</li> <li>• Performing arts (music / instruments, singing, dancing, musical theatre / acting)</li> </ul>
<b>Sport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheelchair basketball</li> <li>• Athletics</li> <li>• Boccia</li> <li>• Rowing</li> <li>• Archery</li> <li>• Tennis</li> <li>• Darts</li> <li>• Swimming</li> <li>• Golf</li> <li>• Bowling</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extracurricular tuition for academic pursuits (eg. maths, physics, information technology)</li> <li>• Specialist education courses/tertiary study</li> </ul>
<b>Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traineeships/Apprenticeships</li> </ul>

### Examples of Items Funded:

- Equipment (art supplies, sports wheelchairs, sporting equipment, musical instruments)
- Tuition
- Competition Fees
- Travel Costs
- Cost of skilled based courses e.g. Forklift licence

Note: 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.

## Past Recipients

Brittney and James live with Muscular Dystrophy and use a wheelchair for all day to day activities. As keen Boccia players, they have received many competition medals and were selected to represent Tasmania for National Boccia Titles in Sydney. The Variety Scholarship Grant in the sum of \$1,500 each, assisted with their competition fees and travel expenses, allowing them to participate in the event and further their sporting aspirations.

## Terms and 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. The child must display an existing talent or commitment in the areas of the arts, business, sport and education.
2. Applications must be made on behalf of children who are permanent residents of Tasmania.
3. Scholarship Grants of \$300.00 upwards will be considered, but limited to \$5,000 per year, per Application.
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 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 notice or document that includes your name and address (e.g. copy of drivers licence, vehicle registration, electricity bill, phone bill, rates notice, bank or credit card statement – select only one document).
  - b) Current financial information from the child's family (parent/s or guardian/s). This will include copies of payslips and/or Centrelink statements. Documents must be less than two months old. The most recent ATO Notice of Assessment can be provided for those who are self-employed.
  - c) Two supporting letters from professional sources (e.g. coach, educator, doctor, social worker or other professionals) stating why the Scholarship would be of benefit to the child and why the child is worthy of the Scholarship. The letter might also mention how the child has demonstrated a commitment to their chosen area of interest; the child's diagnosis (for children with a disability or special needs); or any achievements thus far.
  - d) Documented evidence of the funding required. For example, printouts/quotes for competition entry fees, tuition costs, equipment costs.
  - e) Where possible, two quotes should be attached for each request for funding. The quotes must be less than two months old and include GST and 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.
    - 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 any achievements and commitment to the chosen area should be demonstrated in writing (as per application form).
8. Scholarship Applications will be forwarded 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 staff.
10. If the Application is approved, funds will be paid directly to the supplier on receipt of its 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 ongoing maintenance or insurance.
12. Equipment and services Granted cannot be varied without the prior consent of the Committee.
13. Variety will acknowledge receipt of your Scholarship Application by email or letter. If further information is required from you, a Variety representative will contact you in due course.
14. All Applications are assessed by an independent Grants Committee, which usually meets at the beginning of every month. Variety's Committee will try to assess all applications quickly, however some requests may take between eight to twelve weeks for a decision to be made.
15. Successful Scholarships will be awarded at a luncheon ceremony.
16. For successful applicants, Variety requests that the child's parent/guardian provide at least two updates of the child's progress within six to 12 months after receiving Scholarship Grant funding.
17. Scholarship Grants must be spent within 12 months.