

Variety Gold Heart Scholarship

Application 2019



Gold Heart Scholarships

Variety – the Children’s Charity helps New Zealand’s sick, disabled and disadvantaged children to reach their full potential.

Please read pages 1 and 2 before you complete the Variety Gold Heart Scholarship Application form

The Variety Gold Heart Scholarship Programme supports children with an existing talent, who are disadvantaged financially or otherwise or living with an illness or disability, to achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams.

If you have questions, please contact the Variety office on 09 520 4111 or email helpkids@variety.org.nz

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- ♥ Applications are open from 1 February to 29 March 2019
- ♥ Applications may be made on behalf of a child aged up to and including the age of 18, at December 2019, who is sick, disabled or disadvantaged, **who displays an existing talent** and commitment in the areas of the arts, sport and education
- ♥ Applications may be made on behalf of children who are residents/citizens of New Zealand
- ♥ Scholarships are awarded to support children in the areas of the arts, sport and education
- ♥ Scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis and must be spent within 12 months
- ♥ **Variety requests that two updates** are submitted over the 12-month Scholarship, detailing the child’s progress
- ♥ Grants may be renewed with a new application submitted each year, maximum of 3 years.
- ♥ Scholarships will be awarded up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year, per application
- ♥ The acceptance period for Scholarship applications are advertised and applications are accepted, from the 1st February each year

What will the scholarship cover?

(Note: Scholarships are NOT limited to just these examples)

The Arts

- ♥ Visual Arts
- ♥ Music
- ♥ Dance
- ♥ Singing

Sport

- ♥ Basketball
- ♥ Athletics
- ♥ Golf
- ♥ Martial arts
- ♥ Swimming

Education

(Extracurricular tuition for intellectual pursuits)

- ♥ Maths
- ♥ Physics
- ♥ Literature
- ♥ History

Examples of items funded:

- ♥ Equipment (Art supplies, sports wheelchair, sporting equipment)
- ♥ Tuition
- ♥ Competition fees
- ♥ Travel costs

Examples of previous Scholarships are listed below:

- ♥ Female, 13: Dance – coaching and equipment
- ♥ Female, 14: Swimming – coaching and travel
- ♥ Male, 16: Rifle shooting – airfares and travel
- ♥ Male, 12: Music – equipment and tuition

What won't the scholarship cover?

- ♥ Ongoing funding, such as repairs or maintenance of equipment
- ♥ Salaries or administration expenses
- ♥ Research
- ♥ Career and/or coach expense
- ♥ General and cash donations
- ♥ Retrospective funding
- ♥ Standard school/tutoring fees

What Do I Need To Do?

- ♥ Answer all the questions in this application
- ♥ Make sure your application reaches us by 5pm on Friday 29 March 2019.

Attach the following information

- ♥ Current financial information from the child's family. Please include copies of bank statements for ALL accounts, deposits and investments for all parents/caregivers, pay slips and any other supporting documentation **OR** a copy of your Community Services Card (must be current). These must show at least two month's income and outgoings
- ♥ Two supporting letters from professional sources, which could be a Teacher, Coach, Social Worker or other professional relevant to the applicant. The supporting letters should be less than two months old. The letters should include information relating to:
 - The child's diagnosis (if relevant)
 - The child's prognosis, their symptoms and effects of their diagnosis on the quality of life of the child and their family.
 - How a scholarship in the child's chosen interest area is beneficial to the child.
 - Evidence of the child's achievements in and commitment to the chosen interest area.
- ♥ A recent, colour photo of the applicant
- ♥ If you have any trouble completing the form or have any other queries please contact the Variety office on phone; 09 520 4111, or visit www.variety.org.nz.

What happens next?

- ♥ Your application will be considered by the Grants Review Panel in April 2019.
- ♥ All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications in writing by the end of May 2019.
- ♥ Once the grant is approved:
 - Funds will either be paid directly to supplier on invoice, or will be reimbursed to a family upon proof of payment. Cash payment will not be made directly to a child's family in advance of a purchase
 - The grants should be spent within 12 months of the approval date. Upon expiration, the grant will lapse
 - Two updates are required, one in April and one in November
- ♥ Our rigorous review process helps to ensure the Scholarship grants are distributed appropriately

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME OF CHILD:

DATE OF BIRTH:

AGE:

MALE FEMALE

ADDRESS:

SUBURB:

CITY:

POSTCODE:

ETHNICITY: PLEASE TICK

NEW ZEALAND EUROPEAN

TONGAN

MAORI - IWI

SAMOAN

INDIAN

CHINESE

Other:

SPECIAL NEED OR DISADVANTAGE:

CHILD'S SCHOOL:

WHO DOES THE CHILD LIVE WITH?

	MOTHER	FATHER	CAREGIVER/OTHER – PLEASE STATE
NAME:			
PHONE:			
MOBILE:			
EMAIL:			

DETAILS OF OTHER PEOPLE LIVING IN YOUR HOUSE THAT RELY ON YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

FULL NAME:	MALE/FEMALE	AGE	LIVING WITH YOU? Y/N

GOALS

AREA OF INTEREST/TALENT:

CHOSEN VOCATION/CAREER ASPIRATIONS/LIFE GOALS:

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE/RELEVANT AWARDS RECEIVED/ACADEMIC BACKGROUND*:

(*If applying to cover tuition, fees or costs relating to attendance at an institution or specialist tutor please include academic background). Add additional page if required.

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED: \$

TO BE USED FOR:

PLEASE TICK ONE: ONE OFF COST OR ON-GOING COST

PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF TUTOR, SCHOOL, ORGANISATION, GROUP OR EVENT ETC YOU WISH TO ATTEND

TITLE/NAME OF ORGANISATION:

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB:

CITY:

POST CODE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: BUSINESS ()

HOME: ()

MOBILE: ()

TYPE: (i.e. registered school, non-profit, business etc.)

IF THIS APPLICATION IS UNSUCCESSFUL WHAT WILL YOU DO? (Are there any other funding options available to you? What, if any, other steps have been taken to try to secure funding?)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

REFEREES CONTACT DETAILS (TWO referees required e.g. Teacher, Coach, Principal, Doctor etc.)
LETTER OF SUPPORT TO BE ATTACHED TO APPLICATION

REFEREE 1

TITLE:

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB:

CITY:

POST CODE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: BUSINESS ()

HOME: ()

MOBILE: ()

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT:

REFEREE 2

TITLE:

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB:

CITY:

POST CODE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: BUSINESS ()

HOME: ()

MOBILE: ()

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Parents/Guardians please complete the following

Family income (net monthly) To give us an understanding of your financial situation, please provide **bank statements** for all bank accounts, deposits and investments for all parents/caregivers, pay slips, **OR** a copy of your Community Services Card (must be current) and any other supporting documentation. These must show at least two month's income and outgoings. **Applications will not be considered without this information.**

WEEKLY INCOME AFTER TAX	MOTHER	FATHER	CAREGIVER
WAGES/SALARY	\$	\$	\$
WINZ E.G. BENEFIT, PENSION	\$	\$	\$
FAMILY TAX CREDIT/IRD	\$	\$	\$
CHILD DISABILITY ALLOWANCE	\$	\$	\$
UNSUPPORTED CHILD BENEFIT	\$	\$	\$
OTHER INCOME	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Monthly Expenses (approx. main expenses e.g. rent/mortgage, food etc.)

	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

Support groups you belong to or are eligible to belong to (e.g. Child Cancer Foundation, CCS etc.)

PUBLICITY/PRIVACY

All parent/s or guardian/s to complete:

1. I understand that this information will be used by Variety – the Children’s Charity to establish our need for funding and that I, my family, or the referees provided, may be contacted by members of Variety in order to verify what is included in this application and/or to obtain further information if required.
2. Should this scholarship application be successful I/we accept that Variety may, in its sole discretion, use any of the information relating to this application or the applicant for the purpose of publicity.
3. Information included in this form will be collected and held by Variety – The Children’s Charity.

If you do not wish to receive any further information from Variety, please tick here

I (name of parent/guardian) _____ solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- ♥ The information included in this application form and supporting documentation is true and accurate
- ♥ I have not withheld any information that may be relevant to this application and/or Variety’s approval of it.

DATE: ___ / ___ / _____ SIGNATURE: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please tell us how you heard about the Variety Scholarship programme:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Variety website | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Press | <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet search | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | | |

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

PLEASE CHECK AND INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- Letter from applicant stating in their own words what they would like to do with any funds that they receive and why
- Two written quotes (where possible) supporting amount requested
- Copy of child/young person's birth certificate (or returning resident's visa if born overseas)
- Bank statements for all bank accounts, deposits and investments for all parents/caregivers, these must show at least two month's income and outgoings.
 - pay slips
 - OR** a copy of your Community Services Card (must be current)
 - other supporting documentation
- Two written references/supporting documents
- Recent, colour photo of the applicant
- Any other relevant background or supporting information

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION

- ♥ We suggest that you keep a copy of this application for your own records.
- ♥ Please print this application single sided, stapled once, do not bind.
- ♥ Large applications should be clipped together.
- ♥ Complete the original application form; do not create your own application form
- ♥ Successful applicants will be notified by mail and the 2019 Scholarship funding period will begin on 1 June 2019.
- ♥ Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail, but as all final decisions are made by a committee, we are unable to enter into discussions as to the reason for any lack of success.

Please forward completed application form and all supporting documentation to:

Variety – the Children's Charity
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