



Variety Gold Heart Scholarship Application Form

Variety Gold Heart Scholarships are awarded annually to New Zealand children, aged up to 18 years who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs, and who have a passion and commitment to a long term life goal or career aspiration in arts, entertainment, business, education or sports.

This application form should be completed by the applicant and family and be read in conjunction with the criteria sheet.

Section A – Personal Details

1. Name of child: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Male/Female

Special Need/Disadvantage: _____

2. Parent or Guardians details:

Relationship to child: _____

Title: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ City: _____ Post Code: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: Business : () _____ Home: () _____

Mobile: () _____

Section B – Goals

3. Area of Interest: _____

4. Chosen Vocation/Career Aspirations/Life Goals:

5. Achievements to date/relevant awards received/academic background etc:

(Refer Criteria Sheet Question 9) – add addition page if required.

6. Amount of funding requested: \$ _____

To be used for: _____

Please tick one: one-off cost OR on-going cost

7. Please give details of tutor, school, organisation, group or event etc you wish to attend:

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Type (i.e. registered school, non-profit, business etc.) _____

8. 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?

Section C – Background information

9. Referees contact details (TWO referees required eg: Teacher, 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: _____

Section D – Financial Information

Parents/Guardians please complete the following:

10. Number of children in your care: _____

11. Age range of children in your care: _____

12. Family income (net monthly. Please include bank statements showing income and outgoings for the last two months, pay slips or other supporting documentation):

13. Financial assistance (net monthly, e.g. disability allowances etc.): _____

14. Monthly expenses (approx. main expenses e.g. rent/mortgage food etc.):

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

Section E - 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/GUARIDAN) _____ solemnly and sincerely declare that:

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

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Section F - Supporting Documentation

PLEASE 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)
- Relevant financial information (bank statements, pay slips or other supporting documentation). Bank statements must show income and outgoings for the last two months.
- Two written references/supporting documents
- Any other relevant background or supporting information

Section G – Additional Information

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Other | |

Please forward completed application form and all supporting documentation to:

Variety – The Children's Charity

PO Box 17276

Greenlane

Auckland 1546.

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.

Applications received without all the required information will not be considered. Applications are open from 1st February to 30th March 2012

The Application Form and submission should be stapled once, not bound. Large applications should be clipped together. Please complete the original application form, do not create your own application form.

This application must be received at the Variety office by 5pm on Friday, 30th March 2012

Successful applicants will be notified by mail and the 2012 Scholarship funding period will begin on 1 July 2012

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.

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Criteria

General

- Applications must be received in full at Variety by **5pm on Friday, 30th March 2012**
- 2012 scholarship funds must be spent between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013
- Scholarships are for individual use only – not available to organisations.
- Application must be made by individual (and/or family or guardian) not another person, group or organisation.
- Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Variety Grants Committee
- Funds will be paid directly to the supplier of the goods or services on receipt of invoice, not directly to the scholarship recipient.
- At the end of the scholarship period Variety will require a written report on the scholarship recipient's progress.
- Variety may, in its sole discretion, use any of the information relating to the successful applicant for the purpose of publicity.

Section A: Personal Details

- **Q1:** Must be New Zealand resident and under the age of 18 on 31st December 2012
'Special Need or disadvantage' includes:
 - Physical, mental, intellectual, psychological disability
 - Geographic isolation
 - Severe socio-economic disadvantage or financial hardship

Section B: Goals

- **Q3:** Area of interest includes:
 - Arts – performing and fine
 - Business – career/vocational goals
 - Sports
 - Education – specialist education courses or tuition – NB many scholarships do already exist for tertiary study, including specifically for disabled/disadvantaged students
 - Personal growth and development
- **Q4:** Commitment to **long-term** aspirational goals
- **Q5:** Passion to achieve goal as demonstrated by achievements to date. Important not a 'whim' but a committed goal that applicant has already taken steps to achieve.
- **Q6:** To a maximum of \$5,000.
 - May be portion of full cost.
 - May be used for any tangible item that assists with reaching goal including salaries, travel and accommodation but excluding day to day items as covered by Variety General Grants.
 - Must be able to demonstrate how this will help to attain goal.
 - Is this a one-off cost or on-going? If on-going consideration should be given to whether the scholarship may be granted again in subsequent years.
 - Scholarship commitment is for year of application only; no forward commitments can be made.
 - Application for a continuing scholarship in Year 2 and/or Year 3 must be made to the Variety Grants Committee before the application close off date each year.
- **Q7:** If applying to cover tuition, fees or costs relating to attendance at institution or specialist tutor.
- **Q8:** Scholarships intended for those who do not have access to other sources of funding i.e. Tertiary scholarships, Child Cancer Foundation scholarships etc

Section C: Background Information

- Must be completed by parents/guardians of all applicants.

Section D: Financial Information

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Section E: Publicity/Privacy

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