

MARGARET JESSIE BLACK TRUST FUND

Grants for VSV Students

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the policy and guidelines for allocating a grant for the Margaret Jessie Black Trust Fund at Virtual School Victoria (VSV).

Recipients of this grant are usually those with some kind of exceptional skill, those who have a viable plan for a community service and/or those from a disadvantaged background.

The Grant will be awarded to three students selected by a panel of the VSV school community. There are grants of \$450 for each of the categories (Equity, Community and Cultural).

Grants are awarded to students who fall into the following categories:

Equity	Community	Cultural
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial disadvantage ▪ Disadvantaged through physical, medical, psychological or learning difficulties ▪ Live in a rural or remote area ▪ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent ▪ English as a second language ▪ Have significant caring responsibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active involvement in local or DECV school community group. ▪ Active involvement in volunteer work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active involvement in areas such as sports, drama, dance, singing, music, media, art and science. ▪ Academic

Eligibility and Conditions

- VSV is the sole educational provider for the applicant
- Meet one the above criteria with supporting documentation
- Must be enrolled at VSV for the current academic year
- If a recipient of the grant withdraws from VSV for any reason other than unavoidable or exceptional circumstances, the school reserves the right to seek reimbursement

Application Process

1. Letter of application to VSV Margaret Jessie Black Grant selection panel. This letter should contain a brief explanation of the student's educational goals and biographical (background) information.
2. Fully completed application form.
3. One letter of recommendation to support the student's application e.g. doctor, employer, community leader, teacher etc.

Selection Criteria

Grants are awarded to students who meet the following criteria:

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Grants are ranked according to selection criteria, demonstrated need, goals/intentions and supporting documentation.

All applications must be in writing with supporting documentation submitted by Friday, 15th November 2019. Panel decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered in to.

Send applications to:

Malcolm McIver - Margaret Jessie Black Grant Committee

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Thornbury Victoria 3071

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