

THE MARIA VASAS FOUNDATION

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

HOW GRANTING DECISIONS ARE MADE

The Foundation's advisory committee evaluates grant applications based on the current [funding strategy](#)

These include:

- Support for individuals who face financial, social, or cultural barriers to enhance their education and career development opportunities,
- Arts and education organisations whose programs provide personal and professional development opportunities for marginalised and/or disadvantaged children and young people.

Advisory committee members consider annual and multi-year applications for funding up to \$50,000 from February to early May via SmartyGrants.

ELIGIBILITY

The Foundation can only consider requests from organisations that:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Are registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), and
- Are a Deductible Gift Recipient level 1 (DGR1)

The Foundation will prioritise requests from applicants based in Maria's home state of Queensland and/or initiatives that benefit Queensland communities, however national and interstate requests may be considered.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

The funding round is based on the calendar year.

The following table provides timelines for the application process:

ACTION	DATE
Expressions of interest open	Monday 5 February 2024
Expressions of interest closed	Friday 1 March 2024
Application open	Monday 8 April 2024
Application closed	Friday 3 May 2024
Applications advised of outcome	Friday 7 June 2024



GRANTING PROCESS

Funding decisions are made in line with the Foundation's granting process.

A process outline is detailed below:

Step 1: Applicant reviews the granting guidelines and funding criteria to self-assess eligibility (see Granting Guidelines).

Step 2: Applicant completes the online expression of interest form by due date (Friday 1 March 2024), noting that no more than one application is to be submitted in total by any one organisation.

Step 3: Advisory committee meets to review expressions of interest in March 2024. Applicants that demonstrate strategic alignment are invited to complete a full application.

Step 4: Shortlisted applicants complete online grant application form by due date (Friday 3 May 2024).

Step 5: Advisory committee meets to review grant applications in May 2024 and confirm funding partners.

Step 6: Corporate trustee advises applicants of outcome. Successful applicants receive grants in mid-late June 2024.

Step 7: Progress report and / or acquittals will be requested by the Trustee approximately 12 – 15 months after grant payment.

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