

Variety Club Children's Charity

Information about applying for a Sunshine Coach

The Variety Club Children's Charity aims to help sick, disabled and disadvantaged children and young people up to and including the age of 19 years only, who are resident within Great Britain.

It helps those as follows:-

- * those with physical or sensory disabilities or learning difficulties
- * those with behavioural or psychological disturbances
- * those living in poverty or situations of deprivation
- * those suffering through distress, abuse or neglect

Applications

Applications for a Sunshine Coach can be made from schools and non-profit making groups and organisations working with children up to and including the age of 19 years only.

The coach will be used to take the children out on educational and recreational activities that would otherwise be unavailable to them. The vehicle should be in use at least 4 to 5 times per week.

In all cases a member of the Sunshine Coach Committee will contact the applicant to arrange a visit and discuss the application more fully. A report will then be made to the Committee who will make a decision on the application.

The applicant is expected to make a donation to the Variety Club Sunshine Coach Programme as part of the application process; the amounts are shown on the application form. Please apply even if the required amount is unavailable, because we can probably still help.

If the application is approved then the Variety Club will seek sponsorship/funding for the vehicle. The amount of time this can take will depend upon circumstances at the time but is normally around 6 months from the date of approval. The sponsor will expect to receive recognition in the form of their logo being displayed on the vehicle and an official presentation – normally by a celebrity to assist in getting publicity for the sponsor. Please note that any supporter who assists you to raise the donation will not be entitled to have their logo on the vehicle.

Provided your organisation can meet the above criteria, we look forward to receiving and progressing your application form.

Once funding is secured then an official presentation will be arranged. Here we draw on our celebrity supporters in order to gain publicity for the sponsor and organisation involved.