

Who is eligible for the Starlight Wishgranting Program?

A child up to the age of 19 years can be referred if they have a serious or chronic condition as outlined in the Acceptance Guidelines.

How do I refer a child to the Starlight Wishgranting Program?

To refer a child please complete the Starlight Wish Referral Form available at www.starlight.org.au and fax to Starlight on **1300 727 716**.

What happens after a child has been referred to the Starlight Wishgranting Program?

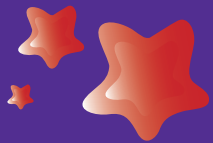
Starlight will contact the Referrer within 48 hours of receiving the referral and advise of acceptance to the Wishgranting program within one week. Each case is assessed individually to determine acceptance onto the Wishgranting program.

What happens once a child has been accepted onto the Starlight Wishgranting Program?

Once a child is accepted onto the Wishgranting Program the family will be sent a welcome pack and will be allocated a Wishgranting Volunteer. This Volunteer will assist them to create their own individual wish experience which will bring to life their interests, dreams and goals. They will also have the opportunity to be involved in other Starlight Programs.

How long does it take to grant a wish?

The time it takes to grant a wish depends on each individual child's situation and wish.



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Referral Information



Please contact Starlight for further information or to discuss a specific referral.

Thank you for helping Starlight brighten the lives of children with serious and chronic conditions throughout Australia.

Phone 1300 727 827

www.starlight.org.au

“Just thinking about what might be possible for a wish made me think about so many different things. It forced me out of the moment and made me look at things beyond what had become a very small world”



A Starlight Wish is like a dream come true for a child or adolescent with a serious or chronic condition. Sharing a special, once-in-a-lifetime wish brings a family together and is an experience that stays with them forever.

A Starlight Wish provides meaningful experiences, has life impacting benefits and gives the whole family a break from the stress of their child's condition.

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ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES

- The child can be referred up to their 19th birthday. Starlight work with the child to determine the most appropriate age to grant the wish. For most children this is from the age of 4 years.
- The child must not have had a wish from another wish organisation.
- The child must have a critical, chronic or serious medical condition, for example:
 - **The condition is life-threatening**
The exception being children with a short-term life threatening trauma/accident or illness from which the child makes a full recovery in less than 3 months.
 - **The condition significantly restricts mobility**
For example, the child uses a wheel chair or walker.
 - **The condition requires significant and ongoing medical treatment**
For example, the need for dialysis, transfusions or organ transplants.
 - **The pain and discomfort from the condition cannot be controlled or surgically repaired**
The extent of the pain and discomfort affects the child's day to day existence.
 - **The condition is progressive, current or continues to have a significant impact**
Examples include: significant loss of sight, mobility or deterioration of mental capacity.

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GENERAL POLICY FOR ACCEPTANCE

- Starlight accepts children from all socio-economic, political and religious backgrounds
- There are no financial requirements and families will not be requested to provide information regarding their income or financial standings
- All wishes must be granted within Australia
- A child is eligible for only one wish
- Non-Australian citizens receiving treatment in Australia are eligible for consideration
- Multiple referrals from the same family are accepted if each child qualifies