



# AFTRS INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

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## AFTRS Indigenous Scholarships Information for 2018

### Purpose

AFTRS Indigenous Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit or equity.

The scholarships are intended to assist Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander award course students, who may otherwise be under-represented, with the costs associated with higher education at AFTRS.

- **Master of Arts Screen Indigenous Scholarships:**

AFTRS MAS Indigenous Scholarship funds are provided by *The Kenneth Myer Fellowship Trust*.

Each scholarship is valued at \$25,000 and is for one year only. There are two scholarships available in 2018.

\$12,500 will be awarded each semester, to be paid following the applicable census date. Payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility and disadvantage criteria, and any other conditions.

- **AFTRS Indigenous Scholarships:**

AFTRS provides support to other Indigenous students enrolled in award courses.

AFTRS' fund for the scholarships is managed through the Indigenous Unit and overseen by the CEO.

AFTRS may give support for a range of purposes associated with a course.

For example, AFTRS may contribute towards relocation costs, study resources and other costs, in AFTRS' discretion.

The amount of support may vary, from \$500 to \$10,000, depending on the course and a student's individual circumstances. In exceptional circumstances, higher financial support may be given. Where a course runs for more than one semester, payments will be made in each semester in equal instalments.

Generally, payments will be made after the applicable census date and are conditional on the student remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria and any other conditions.

### Assessment of applications

There are limited funds for scholarships, so AFTRS may not be able to support everyone who applies.

AFTRS will determine which, if any, applicants will be awarded a scholarship. AFTRS' decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into. An applicant cannot receive both an AFTRS Indigenous Scholarship and an AFTRS Equity Scholarship for the same year.

Successful applicants will be told of any conditions of a scholarship.

### Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

1. identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and be accepted as such within your community; and
2. be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen; and
3. be enrolled in an AFTRS' Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production), Graduate

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Certificate, Graduate Diploma, or Master's degree; and

4. show you are in need of financial support to meet the costs of or associated with studying at AFTRS; or show significant artistic merit and that your career aspirations would benefit; and
5. show you would be likely to complete the course.

## When to apply

**Applications open: Saturday July 1, 2017**

Application closing dates for Indigenous Scholarships are linked to the closing dates of the course you are applying for as follows:

COURSE/COURSE LEVEL	CLOSING DATE	NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME
Bachelor of Arts Screen	Tuesday 3 October 2017	Tuesday 21 – Mon 27 November 2017
Master, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma in Radio	Monday 16 October 2017	
Diploma and Advanced Diploma	Friday 1 December 2017	Monday 18 – Friday 22 December 2017

Supporting documents must be submitted to AFTRS by the closing date.

All students who apply within these times will be told by email whether or not their application is successful by the dates provided above.

Applications may, however, be accepted outside these dates. If you wish to do this, you are encouraged to contact the [Indigenous Unit](#) before applying.

## How to apply

1. You must give AFTRS:
  - a) a copy of Proof of Aboriginality; and
  - b) a statement describing the opportunity the scholarship would give you; and
  - c) a statement declaring any other financial help you are getting to study in 2017, including Centrelink payments such as ABSTUDY; and
  - d) *if applying on the basis of financial need and/or other educational disadvantage*: proof of real and enduring financial need. This may be proof you receive or will receive a means tested Australian government income support payment like Centrelink ABSTUDY. You may also give proof of other circumstances that may affect your education such as any of carer responsibilities, sole parent responsibilities, long-term medical condition or disability or ongoing effects of abuse, or regional or remote disadvantage; or
  - e) *if applying on the basis of significant artistic merit and career aspirations*: provide works of distinctive and creative storytelling for assessment and a letter of support from a screen or broadcast industry stakeholder or an experienced screen or broadcast practitioner.
2. Complete the application form and send supporting documents.
3. You can either apply by email OR post your application to the Student Centre.

Email address is: [studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au](mailto:studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au)

Post address is:

**AFTRS Indigenous Scholarship  
Student Centre  
Australian Film Television & Radio School  
PO Box 2288  
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012**

## More information and help

For more information and help with your application, you can contact the Student Centre on (02) 9805 6444 or 1300 366 464 (toll free) between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or at [studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au](mailto:studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au). Alternatively, you can contact the Indigenous Unit at [indigenous@aftrs.edu.au](mailto:indigenous@aftrs.edu.au) or call them on (02) 9805 6514.



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are intended for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

I am applying for (please tick applicable box):

AFTRS Indigenous Scholarship

Master of Arts Screen Indigenous Scholarship

### SECTION 1: YOUR DETAILS

Email:					
Title:		First Name:		Last Name:	
Address Line 1:					
Address Line 2:					
Suburb/Town:					
State:		Postcode:		Country:	
Phone:				Mobile:	
Birth Date:				Gender:	

### SECTION 2: YOUR STATEMENT

Your statement should describe the opportunity the scholarship would give you (attach a separate sheet if you require more space).

### SECTION 3: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- **Proof of Aboriginality**

Please tick the box to indicate you have attached your proof of Aboriginality.

### SECTION 4: FINANCIAL NEED OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGE

GO TO SECTION 5 IF YOU ARE APPLYING ON THE BASIS OF ARTISTIC MERIT AND CAREER EXPECTATIONS TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION

ANSWER THIS QUESTION IF YOU ARE APPLYING ON THE BASIS OF FINANCIAL NEED AND/OR EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGE.

Please provide either a statement regarding your financial need or a breakdown of your financial situation.

**Statement** (attach a separate sheet if you require more space):

**OR**

**Financial breakdown**

Please estimate as accurately as possible your <u>fortnightly</u> income and expenditure for a normal fortnight:			
Income		Expenditure	
Scholarships, bursary or other forms of income support	\$	Rent/Board/Other Accommodation Costs	\$
Employment	\$	Household bills	\$
Draw on savings	\$	Food	\$
Other income	\$	Study related costs (books, stationary etc)	\$
		Transport	\$
		Spending money	\$
		Credit cards and/or other loans	\$
		Other expenditure	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

## SECTION 5: SIGNIFICANT ARTISTIC MERIT AND CAREER EXPECTATIONS

GO TO SECTION 6 IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL NEED OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGE  
IF YOU ARE APPLYING ON THE BASIS OF SIGNIFICANT ARTISTIC MERIT AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS YOU  
WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- **Works of distinctive and creative storytelling**

I have attached or am sending my work to AFTRS. Please tick the box.

Note: You can either send your creative work on a USB stick with your application or attach it to your application if emailing. Contact Student Centre if you need further information.

- **Letter of support**

I have attached a letter of support to my application (this person should not be a member of your immediate family). Please tick the box.

## SECTION 6: OTHER FINANCIAL HELP

ALL APPLICANTS NEED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER FINANCIAL HELP

If you will receive other financial help (such as other scholarships, ABSTUDY living allowance in 2017 you are required to provide a statement).

**Financial statement** (attach a separate sheet if you require more space):

You can also provide us with your Centrelink customer number as proof of this income. Please provide the number in this space.

## SECTION 7: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. I declare that the information I submit in this application is true, correct, complete and not misleading. I understand AFTRS may vary or reverse any decision concerning my application if this is not the case.
2. I acknowledge that:
  - a) I consent to AFTRS using and disclosing my personal information as described in [AFTRS Privacy Policy](#) and any Student Information *Collection Notices*, and as otherwise required or authorised by law.
  - b) AFTRS will not otherwise collect, use or disclose my personal information without my consent.
  - c) If I do not provide the personal information requested, AFTRS may not be able to process my application.
  - d) Information about how I may access and correct my personal information held by AFTRS, how I may complain about a breach of the *Australian Privacy Principles* and how AFTRS will deal with such a complaint, is contained in the [AFTRS Privacy Policy](#).
  - e) Any supporting documents submitted by me for this application may not be returned.
  - f) Meeting the scholarship eligibility criteria does not guarantee that I will be awarded a scholarship.

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
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