

2026 Equity Scholarships

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Guidelines – Semester 2

Applications open 16 March 2026 and close 9
June 2026

AFTRS

Australian Film Television
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Who can apply?

This scholarship is open to new and progressing students.

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be experiencing financial need as described in this Guidelines sheet
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen
- Be an applicant for a place in the Master of Arts Screen: Business (2026 mid-year intake) OR be enrolled in the Master of Arts Screen: Business or the Graduate Diploma of Radio and Podcasting, the Bachelor of Arts: Screen or the Master of Arts Screen

Purpose

AFTRS Equity Scholarships are provided by the Kenneth Myer Fellowship Trust and are awarded twice a year to assist students, experiencing exceptional and enduring financial need, with the costs associated with higher education.

The scholarships are intended to support people from low socio-economic backgrounds or who are otherwise under-represented in higher education to study at AFTRS.

Application form

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have been offered a course place or to a progressing student. If you are in the course application stage, it is important that you apply for the course as well as apply for the scholarship.

To apply, please complete the online scholarship application form and provide any documentation requested by the closing date.

All applications will be treated confidentially.

Application dates

Applications open 16 March 2026 and close 9 June 2026.

Dates are subject to change. Please check AFTRS website for updates.

Conditions

The successful applicant must have accepted an offer in or be a progressing student in the Master of Arts Screen, Master of Arts Screen: Business, Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production or the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting.

The recipient will be notified by email whether the application is successful. The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

The recipient may be asked to provide AFTRS with updates and to complete an annual survey which will

be used to demonstrate the impact of scholarships. Participation is at the discretion of the recipient.

Application task

Submit a personal statement (approx. 500 words) that describes your socio-economic circumstances, any other barrier/s that may affect your education and the opportunity the scholarship would give you.

Demonstrating need

You must demonstrate financial need or other barriers to study. Ways of doing this include:

1. Provide information demonstrating your current financial circumstances. This can be entered into the online application form under the Financial Information fields. In addition, please supply at least one supporting document, such as a bank statement and/or other financial document.
 - For example, you may currently receive Centrelink payments. Payment amounts can be entered into the online application form under the Financial Information fields. In addition, please supply a current Centrelink statement as supporting documentation.
2. You may also specify other barriers to accessing education, such as one or more of the following:
 - carer responsibilities;
 - sole parent responsibilities;
 - long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse;
 - English language difficulty;
 - a visa holder under Australia's humanitarian visa program; or
 - you may reside in a regional or remote location.

If you have identified other barriers to accessing education, please provide one supporting document

that attests to your experience in the relevant area such as a letter from a medical and/or health professional.

Please refer to the **Certification of documents** section in these Guidelines to understand documentation requirements.

What we're looking for

AFTRS will determine which, if any, applicant will be awarded the scholarship.

If the selection panel finds that no applicant meets the eligibility criteria, the scholarship will not be awarded.

There are limited funds for scholarships so AFTRS may not be able to support everyone who applies or who demonstrates they are in need.

AFTRS' decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into.

Other information

In assessing your application, the selection committee may request you provide additional supporting documents to enable them to make a final decision. You will be contacted via email to request specified documents if required.

If you are unsuccessful in Semester 2 2026, you may reapply for any AFTRS' Equity Scholarship in the future. You would then need to meet all scholarship eligibility and criteria at that time.

If you are successful, you may also reapply for an AFTRS Equity Scholarship in subsequent rounds, so long as you meet the eligibility and criteria at that time. A new application, with new supporting documents, would need to be submitted.

Further information

Payments

The amount of support may vary by course.

- Up to \$6,250 for the Master of Arts Screen
- Up to \$4,500 for the Master of Arts Screen: Business
- Up to \$3,000 for the Bachelor of Arts Screen
- Up to \$3,000 for the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting

The amounts listed above apply if the recipient is enrolled in four subjects in the semester for which they have applied.

For a recipient enrolled in fewer than four subjects in the semester, payment will be adjusted proportionally according to actual study load.

Each scholarship is for one semester only and is paid following the applicable census dates. The scholarship will not rollover or be extended to future semesters.

In exceptional circumstances, higher financial support may be given.

Payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, and maintain the standards set out in the Student Handbook and AFTRS Code of Conduct.

Certification of documents

Supporting documents must be certified in line with AFTRS's certification requirements (see: <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/>).

Please note:

- Documents must include your legal name.
- Original digital files do not need to be certified.
- Medical documentation does not need to be certified, but it must:
 - include your full legal name, and
 - include the health practitioner's registration number and Medicare provider number.
- Screenshots are not acceptable.
- File names must be clear and descriptive, using only letters and numbers (no symbols).

Translation of documents

If supporting documents are not in English, applicants are required to supply certified copies of the following:

- The document in the original language; and
- An English translation of the document by an accredited translator. Do not send original supporting documents.

Additional information - notes on submission of materials

- You do not have to complete your application in one sitting. Save your application and log back in at any time prior to the closing date to pick up where you left off.
- Work that has been created in part or whole by a generative AI tool such as ChatGPT must not be submitted.

Submission checklist

Before you submit your application, please make sure you have included:

- A personal statement
- A weekly financial breakdown
- At least one document that demonstrates your financial circumstances, such as a Centrelink statement, bank statement or other relevant financial document
- if you have identified other barriers to accessing education, at least one document that supports your experience

Learn more

If you haven't found the information you need,
or need support with your application, contact our
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