

# 2026 ARN Radio and Podcasting Scholarship

## Guidelines

Applications open 18 June 2025 and close 17  
November 2025

**AFTRS**

Australian Film Television  
and Radio School



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## Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Identify as a person from an under-represented group in the Australian radio and podcast industries
- Be an applicant for a position in the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting in 2026
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen

## Purpose

ARN is one of Australia's leading national broadcast and on-demand audio companies. Defining audio through even more Connections That Count, ARN has ownership of 58 radio stations in 33 markets across Australia, plus 46 DAB+ stations nationwide in addition to digital entertainment platform, iHeartRadio.

The purpose of the AFTRS and ARN Radio and Podcasting Scholarship is to expand and enrich the school's student community by recognising and supporting an outstanding Graduate Diploma in Radio & Podcasting student who can benefit from assistance to study.

The ARN Radio and Podcasting Scholarship will be awarded to support and develop the career of an individual from a culturally and / or linguistically diverse and / or under-represented group in the Australian radio and podcast industries which could include but are not limited to considerations of age, cultural and religious diversity, disability, LGBTIQ+ and intersectional ways a person's identity may

expose them to underrepresentation. The scholarship is also open to First Nations applicants.

One scholarship valued at \$15,000, is offered providing financial assistance towards a living allowance or relocation costs, study resources, fees or other costs. Furthermore, a paid internship for one day per week for one semester and 12 month full-time or part-time employment with an ARN station (at a location agreed with ARN) and/or podcasting division is offered.

## Application form

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have been offered a place in the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting course so it is important that you apply for the course as well as apply for the scholarship.

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 18 June 2025 and close 17 November 2025.

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

## Conditions

The successful applicant must have accepted an offer in the 2026 Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting course. The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

AFTRS may produce public communications in connection with the scholarship. The recipient will be asked for their consent to provide AFTRS with an irrevocable royalty free license to use and reproduce their image and story solely for the purposes of AFTRS internal and external communications. Participation is at the discretion of the recipient.

## Application tasks

Please submit the following:

1. Personal statement, presented as an audio recording (2 mins max), video recording (90 seconds max) or written (2 pages max):

Tell us your story and what this scholarship would mean to you, including:

- why you're interested in storytelling through radio and podcasting,
- what studying at AFTRS means to you,
- how receiving this scholarship would affect your studies or community, and
- how you identify as a person from a culturally or linguistically diverse or under-represented group in the Australian radio and podcast industries.

We are assessing your response and how you explain it, not the audio quality of your submission. Audio can be recorded on any device/s, including smart phones.

2. Submit a copy of a resume or CV. Include details of all your relevant experience, and your goals in radio and podcasting.

## What we're looking for

The selection panel will consider the applicant's creative excellence through their course application creative task and the impact of this scholarship on the applicant through their personal statement.

AFTRS and the ARN 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.

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.

You will be notified by email whether your application is successful.

# Further information

## Payments

The maximum value of this scholarship is \$15,000, payable over the duration of the course.

Payments are based on the number of enrolled units per semester. One instalment will be paid to the recipient each semester following the applicable census dates.

Study must commence in the academic year for which you are applying.

Scholarship payments, the internship and employment contract 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

Any documents you provide as support material must be certified copies. AFTRS' certification requirements are available at:

[www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/](http://www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/)

## 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

- Do not exceed the total maximum word count – additional materials will not be reviewed.
- 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.
- File names should be clear and descriptive and only include alphanumeric characters (not symbols).
- Do not include your contact details in any documents.
- You are not permitted to submit any work that has been created in part or whole by a generative AI tool such as ChatGPT and claim it as your own. If you are using any work that is not yours it must be referenced – this is essential to ethical creative practice and academic integrity. Failure to reference is also considered plagiarism.

# Learn more

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

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