

2026 Constellation Creatives Scholarship

Guidelines

Applications open 18 June 2025 and close 28
October 2025

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Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Identify as an Asian-Australian or Asian-New Zealander
- Be an applicant for a place in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production in 2026
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen

Purpose

Constellation Creatives aims to become a leading voice in the cultural conversation by providing opportunities for under-represented storytellers to develop their careers through study.

The purpose of this scholarship is to expand and enrich the school's student community by recognising the capacity, skills, knowledge, connections and potential that under-represented individuals can bring to telling stories. The successful applicant will be selected on the basis of creative excellence and the impact that the scholarship would have on their education.

One scholarship valued at \$15,000 is offered, providing a contribution to living expenses, study resources or other related costs. An additional, one-off payment of \$5,000 is available to the recipient in year 3 of the course if they choose

Industry Placement elective and are selected for an internship. This elective provides the recipient with invaluable on-the-job experience and networking opportunities in the screen industry.

Application form

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have been offered a place in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production, 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 28 October 2025.

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

Conditions

The successful applicant must have accepted an offer in the 2026 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production course.

The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

AFTRS may produce public communications in connection with the scholarship and the recipient. 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 task

Please submit the following:

1. A personal statement (max. 500 words)

Tell us about yourself and what this scholarship would mean to you. What are the cultural perspectives that distinguish your goals and career aspirations as a storyteller, and how might your ongoing creative practice contribute to positive change within the wider community?

2. A reflection (max. 1000 words or max. 3 minute video)

Drawing from your experience and published data (including but not limited to Screen Australia's *Seeing Ourselves 2 Report* and the Screen Diversity Inclusion Network's *Everybody Counts Report*), share your understanding and reflections on the under-representation of characters, cast and crew from Asian backgrounds in TV and film in Australia and the way in which you would like to contribute to positive change.

NOTE: People from 'Asian backgrounds' refers to people who identify their ancestry/ ethnicity as Asian, encompassing South-East, North-East, Southern and Central Asian ancestries.

What we're looking for

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

AFTRS and Constellation Creatives 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.

The recipient will be paid a one off extra payment of \$5,000 if successfully selected for an internship in the Industry Placement elective in Year 3 of the course.

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

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

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/

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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