

2026 Glenn Wheatley EON Innovation Scholarship

Guidelines

Applications open 18 June 2025 and close 17
November 2025

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Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Have an innovative or entrepreneurial idea that relates to any aspect of radio, podcasting or the audio industry
- Be an applicant for a position in the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting course in 2026
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen

Purpose

The Glenn Wheatley EON Innovation Scholarship is in honour of Glenn Wheatley. A trailblazer in the music industry, his 40 year long career has had an enormous impact on the Australian music and radio landscapes. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship providing financial support for new talent who aspire to work in the dynamic Radio & Podcast industry.

One scholarship, valued at \$10,000, is offered to provide a contribution towards living expenses, relocation costs, study resources or other costs + a 1 week unpaid work placement at Sunshine Coast broadcasters MixFM and SeaFM including airfares and accommodation.

Application form

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have been offered a place in the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting, 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

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.

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.

Application tasks

Please submit the following:

1. What is your big idea?

Present an innovative or entrepreneurial idea that relates to any aspect of radio, podcasting or the audio industries. Your idea could be a content pitch, a way to better connect with audiences, an idea for funding, a better way to use technology - anything that impacts the production and distribution of audio content.

Your idea can be presented in one of the following formats:

- Written (2 pages max)
- Audio (2 mins max), or
- Video (90 seconds max).

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

2. 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, and
- how receiving this scholarship would affect your studies and or you or your community.

3. Submit a copy of your current CV.

What we're looking for

The selection panel, including representatives from the EON Group and Talentworks, will consider the applicant's creative excellence through their application tasks.

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. 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 \$10,000, 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 is offered a one-week unpaid work placement at MixFM & SeaFM on the Queensland Sunshine Coast. Flights and accommodation costs, if required, will be paid by the EON Group. The recipient is responsible for any other costs incurred while undertaking the placement.

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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