

2026 Onbass Giant Steps 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:

- Be able to demonstrate financial need
- Be an applicant for a position in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production in 2026
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to expand and enrich the school's student community by supporting a student who is a gifted storyteller and also requires financial assistance to study the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production course at AFTRS.

The Onbass Giant Steps Scholarship, valued at \$30,000, will be awarded to support and develop the career of a gifted storyteller who may not be able to afford to study fulltime in Sydney. The scholarship is intended to support students by providing a contribution to living expenses or towards relocation costs, study resources, fees or other costs.

Application form

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have been offered a place in the 2026 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

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 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production course.

The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Application tasks

Please submit the following;

- An original story as written text of one or two pages.
- A personal statement (max. 1000 words) about your socio-economic circumstances that may affect your education and the opportunity the scholarship will give you.

Demonstrating need

The application will ask you to provide a statement about your socio-economic circumstances. In addition, you may also want to include any other contextual information about your situation that provides an insight into your needs.

Ways of doing this can include:

- Providing information demonstrating exceptional, real and enduring financial hardship using the Financial Information fields and supporting documentation.

- If you receive a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Parenting Payment Single, Disability Support Pension, Carers Allowance, Jobseeker, Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance), you will be asked to provide supporting evidence.
- Submitting proof of your weekly income and expenditure such as bank statements, pay slips, rental receipts, and/or other financial documents that demonstrate your need.

What we're looking for

The selection panel will take into consideration the original story provided by the applicant along with any other material regarding their financial or other need.

A selection panel including representatives from the Onbass Fund and the Gentle Giant Media Group 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 \$30,000, 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.

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
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