AFTRS Equity Scholarships Information for 2016

Purpose
AFTRS Equity Scholarships are awarded to assist financially disadvantaged Bachelor of Arts (Screen) students 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. Up to 20 AFTRS Equity Scholarships may be offered.

Payments
AFTRS Equity Scholarship funds are provided by The Kenneth Myer Fellowship Trust.
Each scholarship is valued at $5,000 and is for one year only.

$2,500 will be awarded each semester, to be paid following the applicable census date. Payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility and disadvantage criteria, and any other conditions.

Assessment of applications
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 will determine which, if any, applicants will be awarded a scholarship. AFTRS’ decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into. An applicant cannot receive both an AFTRS Indigenous Scholarship and an AFTRS Equity Scholarship for the same year.

Successful applicants will be told of any conditions of a scholarship.

Who can apply?
To be eligible to apply, you must:

1. be enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (Screen); and
2. be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen; and
3. be financially disadvantaged, as described in this Information Sheet.

When to apply
Applications open: Wednesday 23 December 2015.
Applications close: Friday 29 January 2016.

Supporting documents must be submitted to AFTRS by the closing date.

All applicants will be notified by email whether or not their application is successful by Monday 15 February 2015.

How to apply
1. You must demonstrate financial disadvantage. Ways of doing so include:
   - for Australian citizens and residents: through receiving a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Parenting Payment Single, Disability Support Pension, Carers Allowance, Newstart, Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance); or
   - for New Zealand citizens or other people not receiving a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment: by other information demonstrating exceptional, real and enduring financial hardship.
2. You may demonstrate other educational disadvantage, 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; Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; visa holder under Australia’s humanitarian visa program; or regional or remote disadvantage.

3. AFTRS’ certification requirements are available at [http://www.aftrs.edu.au/student-centre/certified-copies](http://www.aftrs.edu.au/student-centre/certified-copies). 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.

4. To complete the application form and upload supporting documents, [click here](http://www.aftrs.edu.au/student-centre/certified-copies).

**Subsequent applications**

If an applicant is unsuccessful in 2015, they may re-apply for any AFTRS’ Equity Scholarships in the future. The applicant would then need to meet all scholarship eligibility and disadvantage criteria at that time.

Successful applicants may also reapply for an AFTRS Equity Scholarship in subsequent years, so long as they meet the eligibility and disadvantage criteria at that time.

A new application, with new supporting documents, would need to be submitted.

**More information and help**

For more information and help with your application, you can contact the Student Centre on 02 9805 6444 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or at [studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au](mailto:studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au).