

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION FOR 2019

AFTRS MASTER OF ARTS SCREEN

Purpose

AFTRS Equity Scholarships are awarded to assist financially disadvantaged Master 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 18 AFTRS Equity Scholarships may be offered for Master of Arts Screen students.

Payments

AFTRS Equity Scholarship funds are provided by *The Kenneth Myer Fellowship Trust*.

Each scholarship is valued at \$12,500 and is for one year only.

\$6,250 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.

In 2019 the recipient of the equity scholarship cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- be enrolled in the Master of Arts Screen; and
- be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen; and
- be financially disadvantaged as described in this information sheet.

When to apply

COURSE/COURSE LEVEL	CLOSING DATE	NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME
Master of Arts Screen	Friday 19 October 2018	Early December 2018

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

You will be notified by email whether or not your application is successful by the above date.

How to apply

1. Demonstrating disadvantage

You must demonstrate financial disadvantage or other forms of disadvantage. Ways of doing this include:

- Provide information demonstrating exceptional, real and enduring financial hardship using the Financial Hardship form provided.
- You may have been in receipt of Centrelink payments previously which you can note on the Financial Hardship form available here.
- 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.
- Provide documentation such as bank statements and other financial documents that demonstrate your need or other educational disadvantage.

Note: Currently the MA Screen is not registered to receive student payments such as Austudy, Abstudy and Youth Allowance as well as other student payments.

2. Certification of documents provided

Any documents you provide as support material must be certified copies. AFTRS' certification requirements are available at <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/>

3. Translation of documents provided

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. Further information and application

The application portal will be open to take applications from **early July 2018** and will close on **Friday 19 October 2018**.

Complete the online application form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2MQH8JS> and provide all the documentation requested by the closing date.

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 email us at studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au

You can find information about scholarships at AFTRS via this link. <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support/>