AFTRS
Australian Film Television and Radio School

AFTRS INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES 2019

Purpose

AFTRS Indigenous Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit or equity.

The scholarships are intended to assist Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander award course students, who may otherwise be under-represented, with the costs associated with higher education at AFTRS.

Payments

AFTRS' fund for the scholarships is managed through the Indigenous Unit and overseen by the CEO.

AFTRS may give support for a range of purposes associated with a course.

For example, AFTRS may contribute towards relocation costs, study resources and other costs, in AFTRS' discretion.

The amount of annual support may vary, generally, between $5,000 to $10,000, depending on the course and a student's individual circumstances. In exceptional circumstances, higher financial support may be given. Where a course runs for more than one semester, payments will be made in each semester in equal instalments.

Generally, payments will be made after the applicable census date and are conditional on the student remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility 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.

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. identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and be accepted as such within your community; and
2. be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen; and
3. be enrolled in AFTRS' Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production, Graduate Diploma in Radio or Master's degree; and
4. show you are in need of financial support to meet the costs of or associated with studying at AFTRS; or show significant artistic merit and that your career aspirations would benefit; and
5. show you would be likely to complete the course.

When to apply

Applications open: July, 2018

Application closing date for Indigenous Scholarships are as follows:

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COURSE/COURSE LEVEL	CLOSING DATE	NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME
Bachelor of Arts Screen	Friday 16 November 2018	Mid-December 2018
Master or Graduate Diploma in Radio	Friday 16 November 2018	

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

All students who apply within these times will be told by email whether or not their application is successful by the dates provided above.

Applications may, however, be accepted outside these dates. If you wish to do this, you are encouraged to contact the Indigenous Unit before applying.

How to apply

1. You must give AFTRS:
   a) a copy of Proof of Aboriginality; and
   b) a statement describing the opportunity the scholarship would give you; and
   c) a statement declaring any other financial help you are getting to study in 2017, including Centrelink payments such as ABSTUDY; and
   d) *if applying on the basis of financial need and/or other educational disadvantage*: proof of real and enduring financial need. This may be proof you receive or will receive a means tested Australian government income support payment like Centrelink ABSTUDY. You may also give proof of other circumstances that may affect your education such as any of carer responsibilities, sole parent responsibilities, long-term medical condition or disability or ongoing effects of abuse, or regional or remote disadvantage; or
   e) *if applying on the basis of significant artistic merit and career aspirations*: provide works of distinctive and creative storytelling for assessment and a letter of support from a screen or broadcast industry stakeholder or an experienced screen or broadcast practitioner.
2. Complete the ONLINE application form and upload supporting documents

   Here is the link to portal: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XXBPCZH
3. You can either apply online OR email OR post your application to the Student Centre.

   Email address is: studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au

   Post address is: **Australian Film Television & Radio School**
   AFTRS Indigenous Scholarship

   Student Centre
   PO Box 2288
   Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

More information and help

For more information and help with your application, you can contact the Student Centre on (02) 9805 6444 or 1300 366 464 (toll free) between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or at studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au. Alternatively, you can contact the Indigenous Unit at indigenous@aftrs.edu.au.

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