

# Onbass Giant Steps Scholarships

## 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 successful applicant will be selected on the basis of great merit and a demonstrated need.

The new Onbass Giant Steps Scholarship will be awarded to support and develop the career of a gifted storyteller who may not be able to afford to study full-time in Sydney. The scholarship is intended to support students commencing their studies by providing a contribution to a living allowance or towards relocation costs, study resources, fees or other costs.

One scholarship will be offered in 2020 to a Bachelor of Arts: Production student after consideration by the selection committee. In the event of there being no suitable applicants for that year the committee will convene to determine a course of action. The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

## Payments

The scholarship is valued at \$22,500.

\$7,500 will be awarded to a student commencing the Bachelor of Arts: Screen Production in 2020 and thereafter on an annual basis for the remaining two years of the course, 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 criteria, and any other conditions.

# AFTRS Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production

## Assessment of Applications

The scholarship is intended to support students who show great merit and who also require financial assistance to study at AFTRS. Applications are encouraged from students from low socio-economic backgrounds or who can demonstrate financial hardship.

## Application task

Please provide an original story as written text of 1-2 pages.

AFTRS working in partnership with the Gentle Giant Media Group and the Onbass Fund will determine which, if any, applicant will be awarded a scholarship. AFTRS' decision is final and correspondence about decisions will not be entered into. An applicant cannot receive multiple scholarships in the same year. The successful applicant will be told of any conditions of a scholarship.

The committee will take into consideration the original story provided by the applicant along with any other material regarding their financial or other need. Applicants may be required to supply documentation on request.

The scholarship can be awarded only once to a recipient.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible to be awarded the scholarship, you must:

- Complete an application submission for Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production
- Be enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen

# How to Apply

## Application dates

Applications open Thursday 22 August 2019 and close Monday 14 October 2019.

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 mid-January 2020.

## Application form

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must have been offered a place in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production course, so it is important that you apply for the course as well as apply for the scholarship. Complete the application form and provide any documentation requested by the closing date.

## Merit

The application task will ask you to submit an original story. The selection committee is looking for gifted storytellers.

## 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. It may be in the following areas: 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.

You should provide documents that attest to your educational disadvantage in the relevant area. For further information, talk to the Student Centre.

This is not an exhaustive list, and applicants may apply on the basis of their membership of any group that is systemically under-represented but are asked to specifically identify that group when applying. You may be asked to provide additional documentation as required. If you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, you need to provide your documentation regarding recognition by your community when you apply for the scholarship.

## Other information

In assessing your application, the 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.

## Further information and application

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](mailto:studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au). You can find information about scholarships at AFTRS via this link.

[aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support](https://aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support)