

Virgin Australia Scholarship

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to expand and enrich the school's student community by supporting a student from outside of NSW for either the Master of Arts Screen or Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production who are relocating from interstate in order to take up their place in the course. The successful applicant will be selected on the basis of a demonstrated need.

The Virgin Australia Scholarship will be awarded to support and develop the career of the recipient living outside of NSW, providing them with a \$20,000 scholarship as well as one return flight from Sydney to their hometown. 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 may be offered in 2020 to either a Master of Arts Screen or 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 \$20,000.

\$10,000 will be awarded per year, 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.

Master of Arts Screen or Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production

Assessment of Applications

The scholarship is intended to support students relocating to Sydney to take up their place in the course. Applications from students from low socio-economic backgrounds or who can demonstrate financial hardship are encouraged to apply.

You will be asked to provide a statement about who you are and what the scholarship will do for you.

One scholarship will be awarded each year and so AFTRS may not be able to support everyone who applies or who demonstrates they are in need.

AFTRS working in partnership with Virgin Australia will determine which, if any, applicants will be awarded a scholarship. AFTRS' decision is final and correspondence about decisions will be entered into. An applicant cannot receive multiple scholarships in the same year. Successful applicants will be told of any conditions of a scholarship.

The committee will take into consideration the statement provided by the applicant along with any other material regarding their financial or other need. Applicants are asked to self-identify when making an application, but 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 the Master of Arts Screen or Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production;
- Be enrolled in the Master of Arts Screen or Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production;
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen;
- Be from interstate (outside of NSW)
- To be eligible for a scholarship you must be offered a place in one of the two courses above, so it is important that you apply for the course as well as the scholarship.

How to Apply

Application dates

Applications open Monday 19 August 2019 and close Monday 14 October 2019 for Master of Arts Screen, and Monday November 18 2019 for Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production.

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 Master of Arts Screen or 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.

Demonstrating need

The application will ask you to provide a statement about who you are and what the scholarship will do for you.

In addition, you may also want to include any other contextual information about your situation that provides an insight into your needs in moving to Sydney to do the course. 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. You can find information about scholarships at AFTRS via this link.

aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support