

SCHOLARSHIPS

AFTRS Craft Excellence
and Equality Scholarships

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Purpose

The AFTRS Craft Excellence & Equity Fee Scholarship is intended to support students from a low socioeconomic background or who would otherwise be unable to study and who can demonstrate excellence in an identified craft area. This is part of AFTRS' ongoing commitment to ensure AFTRS graduates reflect all of Australian society. Inclusivity is embedded across all the school's activities, with a focus on supporting the best talent, from all backgrounds, into careers in the industry.

In 2021, AFTRS is focusing on supporting applicants from the following craft disciplines:

- Animation
- Cinematography
- Documentary
- Editing
- Sound

Up to two scholarships will be awarded in 2021 and the recipients cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Payments

The scholarship is valued at \$26,016. This covers the cost of the first year of study. This is equivalent to a 50% tuition fee reduction for the minimum standard full-time duration of the Master of Arts Screen degree.

This scholarship applies to tuition fees only, has no cash value and is not refundable.

Fee payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, and any other conditions.

AFTRS reserves the right to cancel the scholarship at any time in the event that you fail to maintain the standards set out in the Student Handbook, and in particular the Code of Conduct.

Assessment of applications

This scholarship is intended to support students from a low socioeconomic background or who would otherwise be unable to study and who can demonstrate excellence in an identified craft area.

AFTRS will determine which, if any, applicants will be awarded a scholarship. AFTRS' decision is final and correspondence about decisions will not be entered into. The successful applicant will be told of any conditions of a scholarship. If the selection panel finds that no applicant meets both criteria, a scholarship will not be awarded.

Who can apply?

- Be a commencing student enrolled in the Master of Arts Screen (in one of the craft disciplines identified above) for the year of the scholarship.
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.
- Demonstrate craft excellence in a specific identified craft area.
- Demonstrate that you would otherwise be unable to undertake full-time study.

How to Apply

Application dates

Applications open Monday 17 August 2020 and close Monday 9 November 2020. Supporting documents must be submitted to AFTRS by the closing date. You will be notified by email whether or not your application is successful.

Applications for AFTRS Craft Excellence and Equity Scholarship are separate to applications for the Master of Arts Screen course. To be eligible for a scholarship, you must have been offered a place in the Master of Arts Screen course, so it is important that you apply for the course as well as apply for the scholarship. Complete the scholarship application form and provide any documentation requested by the closing date.

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.

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

- Provide information demonstrating exceptional, real and enduring financial hardship using the Financial Hardship Information fields and supporting documentation.
- You may have been in receipt of Centrelink payments previously which you can note in on the Financial Hardship form provided.
- 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; You may be an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; a visa holder under Australia's humanitarian visa program; or you may have regional or remote disadvantage.
- You should provide documentation that attests to your disadvantage in the relevant area.
- 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 Ausstudy and Youth Allowance as well as other student payments.

Demonstrating craft excellence

To demonstrate your craft excellence, you will be asked to upload a sample of your creative work. It is strongly recommended that you submit a piece from your Master of Arts Screen course submission.

Certification of documentation provided

Any documents you provide as support material must be certified copies. AFTRS' certification requirements are available at:

[↗ aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/](https://aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/)

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.

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/)