

SCHOLARSHIPS

First Nations
Scholarships

2021

AFTRS

AFTRS First Nations Scholarships

Purpose

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

The scholarships are intended to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander undergraduate or postgraduate 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 First Nations and Outreach team 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, at the school's discretion.

The amount of annual support may vary, between:

- Up to \$7,500, for the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production
- Up to \$12,500 for Radio Graduate Diploma (full-time)
- Up to \$6,250 for Radio Graduate Diploma (part-time), per year
- Up to \$25,000 for Master of Arts Screen
- Up to \$12,500 for Master of Arts Screen: Business and Leadership, depending on a student's individual circumstances.

In exceptional circumstances, higher financial support may be given.

Payments will be made 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 multiple scholarships for the same year.

Successful applicants will be told of any conditions of a scholarship.

Who can apply?

This scholarship is open to both new and continuing students.

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and be accepted as such within your community
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen
- Be enrolled in the AFTRS Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production, Graduate Diploma in Radio Full time or part time or Master of Arts Screen or Master Screen Business and Leadership degree
- Show you are in need of financial assistance to meet the costs of or associated with studying at AFTRS; or show significant artistic merit and how your career aspirations would benefit
- Show you would be likely to complete the course

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 may, however, be accepted outside these dates. If you wish to do this, you are encouraged to contact the First Nations and Outreach team before applying.

How to apply

1. Complete the ONLINE application form and upload supporting documents
2. You must give AFTRS:
 - a) A copy of Proof of Aboriginality
 - b) A statement describing the opportunity the scholarship would give you
 - c) A statement declaring any other financial help you are getting to study in 2020 including Centrelink payments such as ABSTUDY
 - 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 carer responsibilities, sole parent responsibilities, long-term medical condition or disability or ongoing effects of abuse, or regional or remote disadvantage
 - 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.

Email address

studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au

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

Alternatively, you can contact the First Nations and Outreach team Unit at indigenous@aftrs.edu.au

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