

# SCHOLARSHIPS

NETFLIX First Nations  
Scholarships

2023

AFTRS

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## Purpose

AFTRS NETFLIX First Nations Scholarships are awarded on the basis of creative excellence.

The scholarships are intended to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with the full cost of course fees, plus contribution towards travel, accommodation and living expenses. AFTRS encourages and welcomes First Nations applicants with intersectional backgrounds, including but not limited to gender identity, people with a disability or people of the LGBTQIA+ community.

AFTRS strongly encourages applicants from the following disciplines:

- Master of Arts Screen: Cinematography
- Master of Arts Screen: Documentary
- Master of Arts Screen: Editing
- Master of Arts Screen: Production Design
- Master of Arts Screen: Sound Design

## Payments

This scholarship is made available via the NETFLIX Indigenous Scholarship Fund.

The amount of support will vary depending on the course that the student is enrolled in and their study load.

The Scholarships for the Master of Arts: Screen covers full course fees plus contribution towards travel, accommodation and living allowance. The Scholarship for the Master of Arts: Screen Business covers full course fees over one year full-time plus contribution towards travel, accommodation and living allowance. Payments will be made each semester in equal instalments.

Payments will be made following all applicable census dates. Payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, and any other conditions.

## Student Defers or Withdraws

In the event that a scholarship recipient defers, takes a leave of absence, withdraws from the course, is excluded from the course, or has their scholarship terminated, the panel will reconvene to determine the reallocation of funds.

## Termination of Scholarship

AFTRS may terminate your scholarship if:

- You fail to make satisfactory academic progress as outlined in the 2022 Student Handbook; or
- You are found to have breached the Student Code of Conduct, for example by providing false or misleading information.

If your scholarship is terminated, AFTRS may retain any unpaid balance of the scholarship. If you were awarded a scholarship on the basis of false or misleading information that you provided, you may be required to repay any scholarship payment to which you were not entitled within 14 days of AFTRS' request.

## Assessment of Applications

AFTRS and NETFLIX will determine which, if any, applicants will be awarded a scholarship. AFTRS' decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into. Successful applicants will be advised.

## Who can apply?

This scholarship is open to new students only. 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
- Be enrolled in the Master of Arts: Screen (2 years Full Time) or Master of Arts: Screen Business (1 year Full Time).
- Show significant creative excellence and that you would be likely to complete the course.
- Demonstrate the opportunity this scholarship would give you and/or your community.

# How to Apply

## Application dates

Round 1 applications open Tuesday 5 July 2022  
Supporting documents must be submitted to AFTRS  
by the closing date.

Closing dates:

- Master of Arts Screen:  
Friday 16 September 2022
- Master of Arts Screen Business:  
Tuesday 15 November 2022

You will be notified by email whether or not your application is successful.

## How to apply

1. Complete the ONLINE application form and upload supporting documents
2. You must give AFTRS:
  - a. A copy of Confirmation of Aboriginality (COA); letter obtained from an incorporated Indigenous organisation and stamped with their common seal.
  - b. A personal statement (max. 4000 characters or max. 3 minute video) that addresses the following:
    - i. Why you want to tell stories;
    - ii. The basis of the creative work that you have submitted and what your contribution was to that work;
    - iii. The opportunity this scholarship would give you and/or your community;
    - iv. Demonstrate a compelling artistic voice with a deep connection to community and First Nations storytelling.
  - c. Provide one sample of your work for assessment that demonstrates your creative excellence and distinctive storytelling.
  - d. A letter of support from a screen or broadcast industry stakeholder or an experienced screen or broadcast practitioner (this person should not be a member of your immediate family).

## 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)

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