

2026 Craft Excellence Scholarship

Guidelines

Applications open 18 June 2025 and 21
October 2025

AFTRS

Australian Film Television
and Radio School

Craft Excellence Scholarship

Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be a commencing female identifying student accepted in the Master of Arts Screen in 2026
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen
- Demonstrate craft excellence in a specific identified craft area (in either cinematography, sound, documentary or editing)

Purpose

The AFTRS Craft Excellence Scholarship is intended to support a student who can demonstrate excellence in an identified craft area in the Master of Arts Screen.

AFTRS is focusing on supporting female identifying applicants from the craft disciplines of cinematography, sound, documentary and editing. This is part of AFTRS ongoing commitment to ensure graduates reflect all 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.

One scholarship valued at \$25,000 is offered. The scholarship is intended to support students by providing a contribution to living expenses or towards relocation costs, study resources or other costs.

Application form

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who 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 online scholarship application form and provide any documentation requested by the closing date.

All applications will be treated confidentially.

Application Dates

Applications open 18 June 2025 and close on 21 October 2025.

Dates are subject to change. Please check AFTRS website for updates.

Conditions

The successful applicant must have accepted an offer in the 2026 Master of Arts Screen course.

The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

AFTRS may produce public communications in connection with the scholarship. The recipient will be asked for their consent to provide AFTRS with an irrevocable royalty free license to use and reproduce their image and story solely for the purposes of AFTRS internal and external communications. Participation is at the discretion of the recipient.

Application task

Please submit the following:

1. Personal statement: Please describe how this scholarship will enable you to study at AFTRS. Your statement should also speak to the creative work submitted and how you contributed to the work (max. 1000 words).
2. Demonstration of craft excellence: Submission of a creative work. It is strongly recommended that you submit a piece from your Master of Arts Screen course application.

What we're looking for

The selection panel will consider the applicant's creative excellence through their course application tasks.

AFTRS will determine which, if any, applicant will be awarded the scholarship.

If the selection panel finds that no applicant meets the eligibility criteria, the scholarship will not be awarded.

AFTRS' decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into.

Other information

In assessing your application, the selection 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.

You will be notified by email whether your application is successful.

Further information

Payments

The maximum value of this scholarship is \$25,000, payable over the duration of the course.

Payments are based on the number of enrolled units per semester. One instalment will be paid to the recipient each semester following the applicable census dates.

Study must commence in the academic year for which you are applying.

Payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, and maintain the standards set out in the Student Handbook and AFTRS Code of Conduct.

Certification of documents

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

www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/

Translation of documents

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.

Additional information - notes on submission of materials

- Do not exceed the total maximum word count – additional materials will not be reviewed.
- You do not have to complete your application in one sitting. Save your application and log back in at any time prior to the closing date to pick up where you left off.
- File names should be clear and descriptive and only include alphanumeric characters (not symbols).
- Do not include your contact details in any documents.
- You are not permitted to submit any work that has been created in part or whole by a generative AI tool such as ChatGPT and claim it as your own. If you are using any work that is not yours it must be referenced – this is essential to ethical creative practice and academic integrity. Failure to reference is also considered plagiarism.

Learn more

If you haven't found the information you need,
or need support with your application, contact our
Student Centre Team.

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