

ARN Radio and Podcasting Scholarship

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Guidelines - 2027

Applications open 29 June and close 17
November 2026

AFTRS

Australian Film Television
and Radio School



Eligibility and application information

Who can apply?

You can apply for this scholarship if you:

- Identify as a person from an under-represented group in the Australian radio and podcast industries,
- Are an applicant for a place in the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting in 2027,
- And are an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.

Purpose

ARN are building Australia's leading entertainment company - where great content, powerful audiences and innovative platforms come together to drive growth.

From iconic broadcast brands to podcasts, streaming, social and live experiences, ARN creates content that entertains Australians and connects brands to audiences at scale. With a national footprint across metro and regional markets and a clear focus on digital acceleration, audience growth and commercial impact, ARN is evolving fast - and their focus on people play a critical role in making it happen.

The ARN Radio and Podcasting Scholarship is intended to support and develop the career of an individual from a culturally and / or linguistically diverse and / or under-represented group in the Australian radio and podcast industries which could include but are not limited to considerations of age, cultural and religious diversity, disability, LGBTIQ+ and intersectional ways a person's identity may expose them to underrepresentation.

scholarship, valued at \$15,000, is offered providing financial assistance towards a living allowance or relocation costs, study resources, fees or other costs.

In the latter stage of the course, a paid internship for one day per week for one semester is offered. Twelve months full-time or part-time employment with an ARN station (at a location agreed with ARN) and/or podcasting division may be offered on completion of the course.

How to apply

Firstly, apply for the course in AFTRS application portal. Then, check which scholarships you are eligible for.

You may select one or all of the scholarships recommended. Apply by providing the requested information and documents before the closing date.

All applications will be treated confidentially.

Application dates

Applications open 29 June and close 17 November 2026.

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

Application tasks

1. Upload a personal statement, in approx. 500 words or 2 mins audio*, that addresses the following:
 - why you're interested in storytelling through radio and podcasting,
 - what studying at AFTRS means to you,
 - how receiving this scholarship would affect your studies or community, and
 - how you identify as a person from a culturally or linguistically diverse or under-represented group in the Australian radio and podcast industries.
2. Upload your CV. Include details of all your relevant experience, and your goals in radio and podcasting (approx. 3 pages).

*We are assessing your response and how you explain it, not the audio quality of your submission. Audio can be recorded on any device/s, including smart phones.

What we're looking for

A selection panel will review all applications and decide who will be awarded the scholarship.

The panel will consider your personal statement, your creative work from the course application, and any additional information, such as your CV.

The panel may contact you by email to request further information or supporting documents if needed to make a final decision.

The scholarship may not be awarded if no applicant meets the eligibility criteria.

All decisions are final and cannot be reviewed or discussed.

Certification of documents

Most supporting documents must be certified copies with the exception of original digital files and medical documentation.

You can find AFTRS' certification requirements here:

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

Translation of documents

If your supporting documents are not in English, please provide 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.

General information

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.

Documents must include your legal name.

Medical documentation must include your full legal name and your health practitioner's registration number and Medicare provider number.

Screenshots are not accepted.

File names must be clear and descriptive, using only letters and numbers (no symbols).

The maximum file size is 3 GB.

We ask that you submit your own original work. This means work created in full or in part using generative AI tools should not be included.

What happens next

Notification of outcome

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

Payments

The maximum value of this scholarship is \$15,000, payable over the duration of the course. Scholarship payments are based on the number of units in which you are enrolled per semester. One instalment will be paid each semester after the relevant census dates.

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

Payments will continue while you stay enrolled, meet the eligibility criteria, and follow the expectations in the Student Handbook and AFTRS Code of Conduct.

Scholarship conditions

You must have accepted an offer in the 2027 Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting course.

You cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

AFTRS and ARN may create public communications related to this scholarship. Throughout the course you may be asked to take part in communications, impact surveys, provide updates or attend scholarship-related events.

We will always seek your consent before using your image or quoting you in AFTRS internal or external communications.

Participation is completely optional. Choosing not to take part will not affect your scholarship.

Support and enquiries

If you have questions about this scholarship, your eligibility or access needs, please contact our Scholarships Team.

Asking questions will not affect your application.

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