

Equity Scholarships

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ALL COURSES

Guidelines - 2027

Applications open 29 June 2026

AFTRS

Australian Film Television
and Radio School

Eligibility and application information

Who can apply?

You can apply for this scholarship if you:

- Are experiencing exceptional and enduring financial need,
- Are an applicant for a place in the Master of Arts Screen: Business, Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production or the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting,
- Are enrolled in the Master of Arts Screen: Business or the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting, the Bachelor of Arts: Screen or the Master of Arts Screen,
- And are an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.

Purpose

AFTRS Equity Scholarships are generously supported by the Kenneth Myer Fellowship Trust.

Equity Scholarships are offered, to assist students who are experiencing exceptional, real and enduring financial need, with the costs associated with higher education.

The scholarships are intended to support people from low socio-economic backgrounds or who are otherwise under-represented in higher education to study at AFTRS.

From 2027, the length of AFTRS Equity Scholarships is changing from one semester to the duration of the course for course applicants, or the remaining units in the course for progressing students. Scholarship values will be based on the number of units yet to be completed. For more information, please see the Payments section below, or contact our team.

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 2026 and close;

- Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production – 21 October 2026
- Master of Arts Screen: Business, Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting and Master of Arts Screen – 17 November 2026

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

Application task

Upload a personal statement, in approx. 500 words, that describes the socio-economic circumstances that may affect your education and the opportunity the scholarship would give you.

Demonstrating need

You will be asked to provide information about your personal and financial circumstances. Ways of doing this can include:

1. Do you receive support from Centrelink?

If you receive a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment through Centrelink such as Parenting Payment (single), Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Jobseeker, Austudy, ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance, you will be asked to upload a recent income statement.

If you do not receive support from Centrelink, you will be asked to provide your weekly income and expenses.

2. Savings and other assets:

You will be asked to declare the value of any real estate, savings, shares or other types of investments, for example, bitcoin and upload recent statements.

3. Disadvantage Criteria

You will be asked to identify the different experiences, responsibilities or barriers that may affect your ability to study and to upload documentation that attests to this.

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 and your personal or financial circumstances.

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.

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

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.

Payments

The amount of support may vary by course.

- Up to \$18,000 for the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production
- Up to \$6,000 for the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting
- Up to \$6,000 for the Master of Arts Screen: Business
- Up to \$10,000 for the Master of Arts Screen (progressing students only)

Scholarship payments are based on the number of units in which you are enrolled per semester, for the duration of the course. One instalment will be paid each semester after the relevant census dates.

For progressing students, the total scholarship value will be adjusted to reflect your stage in the course, with payments based on the number of units yet to be completed.

In exceptional circumstances, higher financial support may be given.

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

The successful applicant must have accepted an offer in or be a progressing student in the Master of Arts Screen: Business, Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production, the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting or the Master of Arts Screen.

You cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

You may be asked to take part in impact surveys and to provide updates throughout the course. 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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