

# Glenn Wheatley EON Innovation Scholarship

## GDRP

Guidelines - 2027

Applications open 29 June  
and close 17 November 2026

# Eligibility and application information

## Who can apply?

You can apply for this scholarship if you:

- Have an innovative or entrepreneurial idea that relates to any aspect of radio, podcasting or the audio industry,
- Are an applicant for a place in the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting course in 2027,
- And are an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.

## Purpose

The Glenn Wheatley EON Innovation Scholarship is in honour of Glenn Wheatley. A trailblazer in the music industry, his 40 year long career has had an enormous impact on the Australian music and radio landscapes.

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, providing financial support for a new talent who aspires to work in the dynamic radio & podcast industry.

One scholarship, valued at \$10,000, is offered, providing a contribution towards living expenses, relocation costs, study resources or other costs.

An optional 1 week unpaid work placement at Sunshine Coast Broadcasters MixFM and SeaFM is offered. Airfares and accommodation are included if travelling from outside Queensland. Applicants based in Queensland may also be eligible for travel and accommodation support, depending on travel distance and their individual circumstances.

## 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

Upload the following:

1. A personal statement, in approx. 500 words or 2 mins audio\*, that tells us your story and what this scholarship would mean to you including;
  - a. Why you're interested in storytelling through radio and podcasting,
  - b. What studying at AFTRS means to you, and
  - c. How receiving this scholarship would affect your studies, and you and or your community.

## 2. What is your big idea? (approx. 2 mins audio\*)

Present an innovative or entrepreneurial idea that relates to any aspect of radio, podcasting or the audio industries. Your idea could be a content pitch, a way to better connect with audiences, an idea for funding, a better way to use technology - anything that impacts the production and distribution of audio content.

## 3. A copy of your CV (approx. 3 pages). Include details of all your relevant experience, and your goals in radio and podcasting.

\*Audio can be recorded on any device/s including smart phones. We are not assessing your technical skills or access to equipment. Recordings must be submitted as MP3 files.

## 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 scholarship 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/](http://www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/)

## Translation of documents

If 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 2026.

## Payments

The maximum value of this scholarship is \$10,000, payable over the duration of the course. Scholarship payments are based on the number of units in which you are enrolled each semester. One instalment will be paid each semester after the relevant census dates.

The scholarship includes a one-week unpaid work placement at MixFM & SeaFM on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. Flights and accommodation costs, if required, will be paid by the EON Group. Any other costs incurred while undertaking the placement will be your responsibility. The work placement will take place in the latter stage of the course, at a mutually agreed time.

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 the EON Group may create public communications related to this scholarship. Throughout the course you may/will 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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