

Onbass Giant Steps Scholarship

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Guidelines - 2027

Applications open 29 June and close 21
October 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 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production in 2027,
- And are an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.

Purpose

This scholarship supports a diverse and inclusive student community by recognising a student who is a gifted storyteller and also requires financial assistance to study.

One scholarship, valued at \$30,000, is offered providing a contribution to living expenses or towards relocation costs, study resources, fees or other costs.

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 21 October 2026.

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

Application tasks

Please upload the following;

- A personal statement, in approx. 500 words, about your socio-economic circumstances that may affect your education and the opportunity the scholarship will give you.
- An original story as written text of one or two pages.

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 means-tested Commonwealth income support payments through Centrelink such as Parenting Payment (single), Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment, Jobseeker, Austudy, ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance, you will be asked to provide 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, for example: bitcoin and provide 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, your original story from the scholarship application and any additional information, such 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.

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 by mid December.

Payments

The maximum value of this scholarship is \$30,000, 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 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production course.

You cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

AFTRS 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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