

Relocation 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 an applicant for a place in the 2027 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production,
- Plan to relocate from a regional or remote location* or from a location outside of NSW for the duration of your study,
- Are an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen,
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander person and are accepted as such within your community, AND / OR
- Are experiencing significant and enduring financial need.

*NOTE: As identified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as being in Inner Regional Australia, Outer Regional Australia, Regional Australia, Remote Australia or Very Remote Australia.

Purpose

The Relocation Scholarships, offered by AFTRS and supported by the Commonwealth Government, are awarded on the basis of equity.

The scholarships are intended to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and/or students experiencing financial need that are relocating to Sydney to study at AFTRS.

Up to 5 scholarships are offered, valued at a maximum of \$12,000 per year for the duration of the course, providing a contribution towards accommodation 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 and close on 21 October 2026.

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

Application task

Upload a personal statement, in approx. 500 words, that addresses the following:

- Introduce yourself and tell us where you are relocating to Sydney from, and why you are interested in studying at AFTRS;
- Your socio-economic circumstances and any other barrier/s that may affect your education; and
- The opportunity this scholarship would give you and/or your community.

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 and 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.

General information

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 2026.

Payments

The maximum value of this scholarship is \$12,000 annually, 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.

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

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

Proof of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander identity

AFTRS recognises that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity is personal and may look different for everyone.

To award this scholarship, we are required to confirm eligibility through a Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent letter from a recognised Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation with a common seal.

This will be requested from successful applicants who apply on the basis of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander descent. If you already have this document, you may provide it at that stage. If not, we encourage you to begin the process early, as it can take time.

We understand this process may not be straightforward for everyone. If you are in the process of obtaining documentation or would like support, please contact our team.

Scholarship payments may be delayed until this documentation is received.

Support and enquiries

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

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