NETFLIX First Nations Pathways Scholarships

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Updated Guidelines - 2027

Applications open 29 June and close 12 November 2026*

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Eligibility and application information

Who can apply?

You can apply for this scholarship if you:

- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and are accepted as such within your community,
- Have participated in AFTRS On Country Pathways Program in 2026,
- 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

Scholarships support a diverse and inclusive student community by recognising the strengths and perspectives that under-represented applicants bring to storytelling.

The Netflix First Nations Pathways Scholarships, generously supported by Netflix Australia, are intended to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with the costs associated with higher education at AFTRS.

Two scholarships, valued at $50,000 each, are offered providing a contribution to relocation costs, travel, accommodation, study resources and other related costs.

In addition to financial support, each scholarship includes up to two AFTRS Short Courses at no cost and mentoring throughout 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

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**The Netflix First Nations Pathways Scholarship Guidelines were updated on 20 October 2026 to reflect an extension to the application closing date.*

Application task

Upload a personal statement, in approx. 500 words, that describes your circumstances, your career aspirations and the opportunity the scholarship would give you.

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 creative work from the course application

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 2026.

Payments

The maximum value of each scholarship is $50,000, 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.

A one-off payment of up to $5,000 may be requested to help cover relocation costs. This payment is included in the total scholarship value and will be deducted from your Semester 1, 2027 payment.

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.

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. 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.

Scholarship conditions

You must have accepted an offer in the 2027 Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production.

You cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

AFTRS and Netflix 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.

Participation in the short courses and mentoring offered as part of this scholarship is optional.

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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Alternatively, you can contact the First Nations and Outreach team at fno@aftrs.edu.au.

aftrs.edu.au/scholarships

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