Women in Sound Scholarship

BASP – Y3

Guidelines - 2027

Applications open 18 November
and close 16 December 2026

AFTRS
Australian Film Television
and Radio School

Andrew Plain
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Australian Screen Sound Guild

Eligibility and application information

Who can apply?

You can apply for this scholarship if you:

- Are a female or gender diverse student,
- Are currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production and have successfully completed all subjects in Year 2,
- Are enrolled in the 2027 Sound elective in Semester 1 for the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production Year 3,
- And are an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.

Purpose

The Women in Sound Scholarship is generously supported by the Andrew Plain Memorial Fund. The Fund was established to honour Andrew's lifetime contribution to the Australian film industry and his dedication to young people working in, and studying, screen sound.

The Women in Sound Scholarship aims to encourage more women and gender diverse Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production students to undertake assessable sound roles for Proof of Concept (POC) and Graduation Productions following completion of the Year 3 Sound Design elective.

One scholarship, valued at $3,000, is offered, providing a contribution to living expenses, study costs or other related expenses.

How to apply?

In AFTRS application portal, 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 18 November and close on 16 December 2026.

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

Application tasks

Please upload the following:

1. A personal statement, in approx. 500 words, that addresses the following:
   a. Why you want to study the Sound Design elective,
   b. The opportunity this scholarship would provide to assist you to as a sound recordist and or sound editor/designer working on a POC and or Graduation Project, and
   c. How you see your sound practice contributing to employability and career development.

2. Nominate a piece of original work, in which you produced the sound, that demonstrates your creativity and approach to sound.

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.

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.

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 January 2027.

Payments

The maximum value of this scholarship is $3,000, payable in the semester that you study the elective and following the relevant census date.

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 be enrolled in Year 3 of the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production course.

You cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

AFTRS and the Andrew Plain Memorial Fund 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.

Support and enquiries

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

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