

# 2025 The HOYTS Group First Nations Scholarship

Guidelines – Semester 2

Applications open 14 March and close 10 June  
2025

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## Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and be accepted as such within your community
- Be enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production in 2025
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen

## Purpose

The HOYTS Group in partnership with AFTRS are committed to assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples overcome the barriers to education and fulfil their creative dreams and goals.

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognise an outstanding First Nations student in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production.

The successful applicant will be selected on the basis of creative excellence and the impact that the scholarship would have on their education.

One scholarship is offered, covering the tuition fee for all enrolled subjects after Semester 2 2025 in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production course plus a \$2,000 travel bursary for the recipient and their family to cover the cost of travel to Sydney to attend the First Nations Graduation and Graduation.

## How to apply

Complete the online scholarship application form and provide supporting documents requested by the closing date.

All applications will be treated confidentially.

## Application dates

Applications open 14 March and close 10 June 2025

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

## Conditions

The HOYTS Group and AFTRS may produce public communications in connection with the scholarship.

The recipient will be asked for their consent to provide AFTRS and The HOYTS Group with an irrevocable royalty free license to use and reproduce their image and story solely for the purposes of internal and external communications. Participation is at the discretion of the recipient.

The successful applicant must be enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production course in 2025.

The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

## Application tasks

Please submit the following:

1. A personal statement, in no more than 500 words, including;
  - What is your story;
  - What you love to do, your future goals and career aspirations; and
  - What this scholarship means to you.
2. Provide a sample of work that demonstrates distinctive and creative storytelling.

3. A confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent document executed by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation with a common seal.

## What we're looking for

The selection panel will consider the applicant's creative excellence through their application tasks and the impact of this scholarship on the applicant through their personal statement.

AFTRS and The HOYTS Group will determine which, if any, applicant will be awarded the scholarship.

If the selection panel finds that no applicant meets the eligibility criteria, the scholarship will not be awarded.

AFTRS' decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into.

## Other information

In assessing your application, the selection committee may request you provide additional supporting documents to enable them to make a final decision. You will be contacted via email to request specified documents if required.

You will be notified by email whether your application is success

# Further information

## Payments

The scholarship covers the tuition fee for all enrolled subjects after Semester 2 2025 in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production course plus a \$2,000 travel bursary to assist with the First Nations Graduation and Graduation.

The tuition fee component of this scholarship has no cash value and is not refundable.

Payment is conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, and maintain the standards set out in the Student Handbook and AFTRS Code of Conduct.

## Certification of documents

Any documents you provide as support material must be certified copies. AFTRS' certification requirements are available at:

[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, applicants are required to supply 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.

## Additional information - notes on submission of materials

- Do not exceed the total maximum word count – additional materials will not be reviewed.
- 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 should be clear and descriptive and only include alphanumeric characters (not symbols).
- Do not include your contact details in any documents.
- You are not permitted to submit any work that has been created in part or whole by a generative AI tool such as ChatGPT and claim it as your own. If you are using any work that is not yours it must be referenced – this is essential to ethical creative practice and academic integrity. Failure to reference is also considered plagiarism.

# Learn more

If you haven't found the information you need,  
or need support with your application, contact our  
Student Centre Team.

1300 223 877

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[aftrs.edu.au/scholarships](https://aftrs.edu.au/scholarships)

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