

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Equity Scholarships

2024

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## Purpose

AFTRS Equity Scholarships are awarded twice a year to assist financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education.

The scholarships are intended to support people from low socio-economic backgrounds or who are otherwise under-represented in higher education to study at AFTRS.

## Payments

AFTRS Equity Scholarship funds are provided by The Kenneth Myer Fellowship Trust and the AFTRS Executive Hardship Fund.

- Master of Arts Screen: Each scholarship is valued up to \$6,250 and is for one semester only.
- Master of Arts Screen: Business full time: Each scholarship is valued up to \$4500 and is for one semester only.
- Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production: Each scholarship is valued up to \$2,500 and is for one semester only.
- Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting full time: Each scholarship is valued up to \$2,500 and is for one semester only.

In exceptional circumstances, higher financial support may be given.

Payments will be made following the applicable census date. Payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility and disadvantage criteria, and any other conditions.

## Assessment of Applications

There are limited funds for scholarships, so AFTRS may not be able to support everyone who applies or who demonstrates they are in need.

AFTRS will determine which, if any, applicants will be awarded a scholarship. AFTRS' decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into. Successful applicants will be told of any conditions of a scholarship.

In 2024 the recipient of the equity scholarship cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship. All applications will be treated confidentially.

## Who can apply?

This scholarship is open to both new and continuing students.

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Complete an application for the Master of Arts Screen, Master of Arts Screen: Business full time, Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production or the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting full time
- Be enrolled full time in the Master of Arts Screen: Business or the Graduate Diploma of Radio and Podcasting, the Bachelor of Arts: Screen or the Master of Arts Screen
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen
- Be financially disadvantaged as described in this information sheet.

# How to Apply

## Application dates

Applications open 20 June 2023 and close on:

- Master of Arts Screen: Monday 11 September 2023
- Master of Arts Screen: Business full time: Monday 23 October 2023
- Bachelor of Arts Screen Monday 23 October 2023
- Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting full time: Monday 23 October 2023

Supporting documents must be submitted to AFTRS by the closing date. You will be notified by email whether or not your application is successful.

## Demonstrating disadvantage

You must demonstrate financial disadvantage or other forms of disadvantage. Ways of doing this include:

- Provide information demonstrating exceptional, real and enduring financial need using the Financial Information fields and supporting documentation.
- You may have been in receipt of Centrelink payments previously which you can note in on the Financial form provided.
- You may demonstrate other barriers to education, such as one or more of the following:

Carer responsibilities; sole parent responsibilities; long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse; English language difficulty; You may be Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; a visa holder under Australia's humanitarian visa program; or you may reside in a regional or remote location.

- You should provide documentation that attests to your need in the relevant area.
- Provide documentation such as bank statements and/or other financial documents that demonstrate your need or other barriers to education.

## Certification of Documentation Provided

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

[↗ aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/](https://aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/)

## Translation of Documents Provided

If supporting documents are not in English, applicants are required to supply certified copies of the following:

- The document in the original language
- An English translation of the document by an accredited translator.
- Do not send original supporting documents.

## Subsequent applications

If you are unsuccessful in Round 1, 2024, you may reapply for any AFTRS' Equity Scholarships in the future. You would then need to meet all scholarship eligibility and criteria at that time.

If you are successful you may also reapply for an AFTRS Equity Scholarship in subsequent rounds, so long as you meet the eligibility and criteria at that time. A new application, with new supporting documents, would need to be submitted.

## Further information and application

For more information and help with your application, you can contact the Student Centre on 02 9805 6444 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or email us at [↗ studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au](mailto:studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au).

You can find information about scholarships at AFTRS via this link:

[↗ aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support/](https://aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support/)