

AFTRS Equity Scholarships

Purpose

AFTRS Equity Scholarships are awarded to assist financially disadvantaged Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production (BASP) 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. Up to 7 AFTRS Equity Scholarships may be offered for BASP students.

Payments

AFTRS Equity Scholarship funds are provided by The Kenneth Myer Fellowship Trust.

Each scholarship is valued at \$5000 and is for one year only.

\$2,500 will be awarded each semester, to be paid 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.

AFTRS Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production

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. An applicant cannot receive two scholarships for the same year.

Successful applicants will be told of any conditions of a scholarship.

In 2020 the recipient of the equity scholarship cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Who can apply?

To be eligible to be awarded the scholarship, you must:

- Complete an application submission for Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production
- Be enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production
- 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 Thursday 22 August 2019 and close Monday 18 November 2019.

Supporting documents must be submitted to AFTRS by the closing date. You will be notified by email whether or not your application is successful by mid-January 2020.

Demonstrating disadvantage

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

- For Australian citizens and residents:

through receiving a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Parenting Payment Single, Disability Support Pension, Carers Allowance, Newstart, Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance). You will be asked to provide your Centrelink number when applying; or
- For New Zealand citizens or other people not receiving a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment:

by other information demonstrating exceptional, real and enduring financial hardship. If you do not receive a Commonwealth income support payment you should complete the Financial Hardship form and provide documentation such as bank statements and other financial documents that demonstrate your need.
- You may demonstrate other educational disadvantage, 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 an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; a visa holder under Australia's humanitarian visa program; or you may have regional or remote disadvantage.
- You should provide documentation that attests to your disadvantage in the relevant area.

Certification of Documentation Provided

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

aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply

Translation of Documents Provided

If supporting documents are not in English, you 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 2020, you may re-apply for any AFTRS' Equity Scholarships in the future. You would then need to meet all scholarship eligibility and disadvantage criteria at that time.

If you are successful you may also reapply for an AFTRS Equity Scholarship in subsequent years, so long as you meet the eligibility and disadvantage criteria at that time.

A new application, with new supporting documents, would need to be submitted.

Further information and application

The application portal will be open to take applications from August 22 2019 and will close on November 18 2019. Complete the online application form and provide all the documentation requested by the closing date.

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.

You can find information about scholarships at AFTRS at the following link.

aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support