

2025 Equity Scholarships

Supported by the Kenneth
Myer Fellowship Trust

Guidelines

Applications open 19 June 2024

AFTRS

Australian Film Television
and Radio School

Equity Scholarships

Who can apply?

AFTRS Equity Scholarships are open to new and continuing students.

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be an applicant for a position in the Master of Arts Screen, Master of Arts Screen: Business, Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production or the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting
- Be enrolled 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 experiencing financial need as described in this information sheet

Purpose

AFTRS Equity Scholarships are provided by the Kenneth Myer Fellowship Trust and are awarded twice a year to assist students, experiencing exceptional, real and enduring financial need, 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.

Application form

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have been offered a course place or are continuing students, so it is important that you apply for the course as well as apply for the scholarship.

Complete the online scholarship application form and provide any documentation requested by the closing date.

All applications will be treated confidentially.

Application Dates

Applications open 19 June 2024 and close:

- Master of Arts Screen: 10 September 2024
- Master of Arts Screen: Business: 11 November 2024
- Bachelor of Arts Screen: 4 November 2024
- Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting: 10 November 2024

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

Conditions

The successful applicant must have accepted an offer in or be a continuing student in the Master of Arts Screen, Master of Arts Screen: Business, Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production or the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting.

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

The Recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Application Task

Submit a personal statement (max. 5000 characters) that describes your socio-economic circumstances that may affect your education and the opportunity this scholarship would give you.

Demonstrating Need

You must demonstrate financial need or other barriers to study. Ways of doing this include:

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

What we're looking for

AFTRS 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

If you are unsuccessful in Round 1, 2025, 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.

Assessment rubric

Item Weighting/ Selection Criteria	85-100	75-84	65-74	50-64	0-49
A: Personal Statement (40%)	Personal statement demonstrates that financial support is crucial in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Personal statement demonstrates considerable need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Personal statement demonstrates some need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Personal statement demonstrates limited need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Personal statement demonstrates no need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS or no personal statement submitted.
B: Supporting Documentation (30%)	Documentation demonstrates that financial support is crucial in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Documentation demonstrates considerable need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Documentation demonstrates some need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Documentation demonstrates limited need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Documentation does not support the application or no documentation submitted.
C: Financial Breakdown (30%)	Financial data demonstrates that financial support is crucial in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Financial data demonstrates considerable need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Financial data demonstrates some need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Financial data demonstrates limited need for financial support in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.	Financial data does not support the application.

Further information

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: 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: 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 pro rata according to study load and following the applicable census date.

Payments are 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/

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
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