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2027 Guidelines, Terms & Conditions

The Ernest Heine Family Foundation (EHFF) BFA Scholarship Program has been developed to support talented and committed students who face significant barriers to enrol in the BFA.

The program offers two Scholarships, one for Regional / Remote NSW Applicants and the other for applicants who meet any Equity Scholarship criteria.

Key Dates

Applications Open: **Monday 21 September 2026**

Applications Close: **Thursday 26 November 2026**

Recipients Notified: **Mid-December 2026**

Eligibility

General Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for either Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be an Australian Citizen.
- be under the age of 25 at time of being awarded the Scholarship.
- be commencing enrolment on a full-time basis in the Bachelor of Fine Art degree.

Equity Scholarship

In addition to satisfying general eligibility criteria applicants for the EHFF Equity Scholarship must be able to demonstrate Financial Disadvantages and/or other Education Barrier/s that may include but are not limited to:

- Indigenous Australian
- Long-term medical condition / disability or ongoing effect of abuse
- Sole parent responsibilities
- Carer responsibilities
- English language difficulty (from non-English speaking backgrounds)

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NSW Regional/Rural Scholarship

In addition to satisfying general eligibility criteria (above), applicants for the EHFF Regional Scholarship must be able to demonstrate their permanent residential address in a regional or remote area of NSW for a period of at least 12 months in the two years immediately prior to the commencement of the BFA.

Value

The scholarships provide the full fee of the three-year Bachelor of Fine Art degree.

The scholarships also provide for cost of materials and a stipend for living expenses for each of the three years of the course.

The total value of each Scholarship is \$40,000 per annum. The total value of each scholarship over the three-years of the BFA is \$120,000.

Living expenses will be calculated once tuition fees and materials grants have been calculated in any given year of the scholarship.

Applications

Applicants must complete all aspects of the online application form and upload required support material

Support Material

STATEMENT

All applicants must submit:

A compelling written statement (PDF format, 200 words max.) that clearly communicates:

- A strong commitment to your artistic practice, and
- A genuine need for financial assistance to support study.

A maximum of five images, with one image per slide, in PPT format. Each slide should include the name of artist, title, date, medium, and dimensions.

RESIDENTIAL STATUS (FOR REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP)

To confirm residential status in rural or regional Australia, applicants are required to submit two

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forms of supporting documentation. Acceptable documents may include:

- Australian driver's licence showing current residential address;
- Recent school statements or official correspondence;
- Council rates notices;
- Bank statements with residential address;
- A letter from an employer confirming residential address;
- A signed letter from a recognised professional (e.g. lawyer, doctor, bank manager, accountant) verifying the applicant's residential address for the relevant period.

Applicants must have lived in rural or regional Australia for at least 12 months within the two years immediately prior to commencing their proposed course of study.

The panel reserves the right to not assess applications that do not include specified supporting material correctly formatted as outlined above.

Conditions

- Applicants must submit a completed application that fulfils all eligibility requirements.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- The successful candidate will need to complete the acquittals process.
- Allocation of the Scholarship will be on enrolment in the BFA in 2027.
- Each submission will be considered by a selection panel comprised of representatives from the National Art School.
- The panel may request to meet with an applicant to discuss their application further.

Acquittal of Scholarship

The successful applicant will be required to:

- Take part in a Scholarships and Awards panel discussion at the National Art School in 2027/2028. The successful applicant may be asked to be part of a 15-20 minute formal presentation about the use of the Scholarship.
- Provide high-resolution photographs and a 200-word statement that can be used by NAS for promotional purposes and in publications including the Annual Report and Yearbook.

Please email scholarships@nas.edu.au, for any inquiries regarding the application process.