

The Next Brilliant Career Initiative Application Form FY27

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Applicant Eligibility

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The Next Brilliant Career invites emerging Australian writers who identify as women or non-binary to submit an original concept for the opportunity to pitch their work to Netflix and receive structured feedback in developing the story for screen.

Application period: 4 August 2026 – 18 August 2026 (Closing Date). One application is permitted per person; group applications are not accepted. You will not be able to resubmit your application if you make an error, so please take time in submitting.

Only successful applicants will receive further correspondence once the application window closes. A representative from Netflix will contact you via the phone and/or email address provided in this application on 28 September 2026. If you do not hear from us by this date, we are grateful for your application but you will not be progressing in the program.

Before you start your application:

- Read the *The Next Brilliant Career Terms and Conditions* and the [Screenwest Terms of Trade](#).
- Review this online application form for files and attachments needed.
- Industry standard document formats should be used.
- Reach out to the Screenwest Program Contact during business hours (9am - 5pm AWST, Monday to Friday) for any questions.
- **Screenwest is committed to driving greater diversity, inclusion and equity in the Western Australian screen industry.**
- **Screenwest encourages applications from First Nations Australians and people from historically underrepresented groups.**

The applicant confirms:

Do you meet all the Eligibility Criteria in the Next Brilliant Career Terms & Conditions? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Must be Yes to proceed with this application.

Do you meet the eligibility requirements set out in the Screenwest Terms of Trade? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Must be Yes to proceed with this application.

Do you hold at least one (1) and no more than three (3) reportable writer credits on a commercially released short film, film or television series that has screened

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at a recognised film festival and/or been supported by a state or federal screen agency? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Must be Yes to proceed with this application.

You must be one of the below Applicant Types to apply:

Applicant Type *

- ☐ Western Australian Resident Company
- ☐ Western Australian Resident Individual

Applicant Details

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Applicant *

First Name

Last Name

Preferred name for correspondence and, if selected, public announcement.

Applicant Sole Trader or Company Name *

If you trade under your own name, add your full name again here.

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Email *

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Must be an email address.

Used for all Program correspondence, including notification of outcome.

Mobile Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Used for Participant notification by phone and/or email.

Applicant Address *

Address

Reportable writer credit(s)

Title, format (short film/film/TV), and festival or agency support for each credit declared in the Applicant Eligibility Section.

Applicants are required to provide at least one entry, with the option to add up to three where relevant.

Co-writing credits count as reportable credits.

Credit Title	Credit Format	Credit Festival/ agency support
	Short film/film/TV	

Working with Screenwest

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First Nations Australian Content or Participation

Where a Project involves First Nations Australian Content or participation, Applicants and Funding Recipients must comply with:

- Screen Australia's [Pathways & Protocols: a filmmaker's guide to working with Indigenous people, culture and concepts](#) and Creative Australia's [Protocols for using First Nations cultural and intellectual property in the arts](#) as applicable to the Project.
- Any other protocols or policies notified by Screenwest from time to time, including those relating to Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP).

Projects that tell First Nations Australian stories must meaningfully involve First Nations Australian key creatives (producer, director and/or writer). They should be developed though

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genuine consultation, incubation and collaboration and this work should be clearly reflected and budgeted for.

Screenwest defines First Nations Australian content as:

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander story, subject matter, participants, communities, culture, knowledge, Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property or other heritage in any form.

Does this project contain First Nations Australian screen content? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this a Western Australian First Nations led screen project? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

WA First Nations company or WA First Nations key creative/s are attached to the project.

Have you read, understood, and will comply with the above protocols as applicable to the project? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Refer to and follow the checklists available in these protocols.

Provide a brief overview below of the consultation, incubation, and collaboration plan to date, including the name of relevant key creatives and consultants attached to the project. You will be asked to provide agreements relating to research, chain of title, filming permissions etc, if successful. *

Attach the First Nations Strategy, if relevant

Attach a file:

Equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility

Screenwest is committed to driving greater diversity, inclusion and equity in the Western Australian screen industry.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate that diversity represented in their content (i.e. storylines, themes, characters) is authentically represented in the creative team and that appropriate consultation and collaboration has been embedded from the start of the Project development.

Does the project include diversity represented in the content? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

i.e. storylines, themes, characters.

Is this project led by a creative who has historically faced barriers? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Company or key creative/s attached to the project have historically faced barriers

Detail how the diversity represented in the content (i.e. storylines, themes, characters) is authentically represented. *

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Attach your plan, if relevant.

Attach a file:

Previous Applications

Has this project been submitted to Screenwest before? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other:

Was it successful? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other:

Provide a brief summary of previous funding received from Screenwest. *

Clearly outline how the project has substantially changed since the last application (e.g. creatively, market interest, project team etc) *

Other Funded Projects

Do you have any other unacquitted Screenwest funding? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Other funded Project

Only list funding that has not yet been fully acquitted

Project or Activity Title

Non acquitted funding Status

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Screenwest follows Screen Australia's approach to the use of artificial intelligence (AI) - [AI Guiding Principles.](#)

Have you or any other collaborator used AI, or a tool based on it, to generate or to otherwise prepare any part of your application? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

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Are you applying for funding for a project that contains, or will contain, outputs or deliverables that have been generated or otherwise prepared using AI (including any tool using AI)? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

Outline where AI (or a tool based on it) has been used in your application. *

e.g. application form, or responses to application questions, creative and other support materials.

Include detailed information about how and where AI will be used in the project and/or the deliverables and the AI tools used. *

Submitted Work & Application Materials

* indicates a required field

About the Submitted Work

Working Title *

Working title of the Submitted Work.

Logline *

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

Genre *

Other:

Genre of the Submitted Work.

Intended audience *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

One paragraph, up to 200 words, describing the intended audience for the Submitted Work.

Cultural relevance & personal connection *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Explanation of the cultural relevance of the Submitted Work and the applicant's personal connection to it.

Synopsis (max 1 page) *

Attach a file:

One-page synopsis of the narrative for the Submitted Work

Screenwriting sample (max 5 pages) *

Attach a file:

Writing sample for the Submitted Work; total sample up to five (5) pages. Recommend PDF or Word upload.

Professional Biography

Professional biography *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Should highlight experience, aspirations and screen industry credits.

Applicant Declarations & Consent

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In submitting this application, I confirm:

- I have read and understood the program guidelines and Terms of Trade as relevant.

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- I warrant and represent that I hold all relevant rights necessary to proceed with the proposal outlined in the application and that all material provided is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I will always act in good faith in all dealings with Screenwest.
- I am in good standing with all previous Screenwest funds and programs.
- I have the capacity, resources and rights to carry out the application as proposed.
- I am not currently engaged in any legal proceedings or dispute in relation to the project.
- I am not a declared bankrupt or committed an act of bankruptcy.
- I am not insolvent or a declared bankrupt* or committed an act of bankruptcy.
 - *If I have previously been a declared bankrupt I will provide Screenwest with a copy of the bankruptcy discharge letter from the Australian Federal Security Authority (or other relevant administrative body).*
- I acknowledge that SmartyGrants will automatically forward me an application receipt to confirm that Screenwest has received the application.
- It is my responsibility to contact Screenwest if an application receipt has not been received within two working days, to ensure my application was received.
- I acknowledge that it is my sole responsibility to ensure all required application materials are current and attached prior to submitting my application and that Screenwest is not responsible for following up on missing materials.

Acknowledgment *

☐ Yes

I confirm the Submitted Work, including any writing sample, is my own original work and is not subject to any third party rights, claims or encumbrances. *

☐ Yes

Reflects applicant warranty at T&Cs Section 8.

I confirm I am available to attend the Netflix Pitch Day on 6 October 2026 *

☐ Yes

Finalist must be available for the pitch day on 6 October 2026.

I confirm that I have not previously submitted an application for the My Next Brilliant Career initiative *

☐ Yes

Only 1 application per person will be accepted.

I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the Program Terms & Conditions. *

☐ Yes

Submission constitutes deemed acceptance of the Program T&Cs [here](#)

I consent to Netflix and its Program partners collecting and using my personal information to administer and assess the Program, including being contacted about future projects and opportunities. *

☐ Yes

View the Netflix Privacy Statement [here](#) and the Screenwest Privacy Policy [here](#)

Is this the only application you are submitting to the Program, as an individual (not as part of a group)? *

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☐ Yes

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