

THE MCDOWELL THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Through the generosity of Dr Gordon McDowell, a former principal of Avondale, a trust fund has been established to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to theology students at Avondale. Applicants must be able to demonstrate eligibility on the basis of need. The number and amount of scholarships may vary from year to year depending on the funds released from the trust fund. Up to four first-year scholarships valued at \$1500 per year may be awarded for the remainder of the course. In addition, up to four scholarships valued at \$1500 per year may be awarded to second-, third-, or fourth- year students for each year of the remainder of the course. One-off grants of up to \$1500 may also be awarded.

ELIGIBILITY

Any Australian or New Zealand student applying for or enrolled in either a Bachelor of Ministry & Theology or Graduate Diploma of Ministry & Theology. This scholarship may be held in conjunction with an Avondale scholarship.

CONDITIONS

- 1 Applicants must maintain full-time enrolment in a course approved for this scholarship;
- 2 Applicants must demonstrate competence in meeting ministerial placement requirements;
- 3 There is no residential requirement.

CRITERIA

- 1 Applicant must be a baptised member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and actively involved in his/her local congregation;
- 2 Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial need;
- 3 Applicants must be permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand;
- 4 Scholarships are granted on the condition that a student undertakes 24 credit points (4 units) per semester;
- 5 Continuance of the scholarship is contingent upon passing all units. The scholarship will be suspended for the semester following the failure of any unit, and then may be reinstated following the semester in which all units are passed;
- 6 Scholarships cannot be redeemed for cash, in whole or in part;
- 7 Applicants must have already obtained admission into Avondale in order for the scholarship to be granted;
- 8 All recipients should be of good standing in the community. Scholarships or part thereof may be revoked at the discretion of the Discipline Committee, where the recipient brings the name of Avondale into disrepute;
- 9 In some cases Avondale will contact a person who knows the applicant well. Applicants are to provide the name and phone number of a person, such as a school teacher, pastor or employer, who is willing to provide a character reference for them;
- 10 In the eventuality that not all scholarships are awarded to applications received by the closing date specified on this form, a second round of applications will be considered if they are submitted by a date nominated by the Head of Avondale Seminary.

DEFERRAL

- 1 Scholarships may not be deferred for the first year of study;
- 2 Students wishing to defer in subsequent years must submit a written request for deferral to the McDowell Theology Scholarship Management Committee, indicating the reason/s for requesting a deferral;
- 3 The scholarship may only be deferred for one year.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Gender _____ Year of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Marital Status: Never Married Married Divorced/Separated

Spouse Name _____ Maiden name _____
Given names

Spouse Year of Birth _____ Spouse Citizenship _____

Dependant Children:

Given Name	Gender	Year of Birth

CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

How long have you been a practising Christian? _____

Give a brief account of your Christian experience and conversion _____

Give your own definition of a Christian _____

Are you a baptised member of the SDA Church? No Yes - baptism date _____

Are you an active participant in your local SDA church program? No Yes

What church offices do you currently hold? _____

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Name the church where you are a member _____

Minister's name _____ Phone _____

Minister's address _____

How often do you attend church? Weekly 3-4 times a month
 1-2 times a month Less than once a month

In what capacities have you served in your church? _____

How do you relate to Adventist religious and cultural lifestyle issues? _____

What has inspired you to seek to be a minister in the Seventh-day Adventist church? _____

ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT

Provide reasons why you believe that you would be eligible for the McDowell Theology Scholarship

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REFEREES (please give the name, address and phone number of two persons willing to supply a reference on your behalf)

Referee 1: Name _____ Position _____

Phone _____ email _____

Referee 2: Name _____ Position _____

Phone _____ email _____

Please add any other information that you consider may be relevant to your application or factors that you feel might be helpful to the Jorgensen Theology Scholarship Management Committee. Your comments relating to personal issues will be kept within the confidence of this committee unless you specify narrower limitations. If you do not wish this information to form part of our personnel record please submit the information in a separate letter.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Award	Institution / School	Year Awarded

FINANCIAL SITUATION

Are you currently the recipient of an Avondale scholarship? Yes No

Please attach financial details in order to substantiate your financial position.¹

I agree that the information provided above is accurate and complete in all respects:

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

¹Such as health care card, pension concession card, Centrelink payment for Youth Allowance, Austudy, Abstudy, evidence of income, evidence of significant expenses such as rent mortgage, medical, major debts, number of dependents, caring for others such as a doctor's letter, health and/or disability issues for self and others, refugee status or other social disadvantage.

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APPLICATION AND OFFER PROCESS

Scholarship Applications close on 31 January

Applications will be processed early March and the scholarship will be awarded during March.

If you have not already done so, please complete a general application form for admission into Avondale. Scholarships will only be awarded to those students who have applied and been admitted to Avondale.

POST OR EMAIL APPLICATION TO

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SCHOLARSHIP ENQUIRIES

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