

AVONDALE MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Avondale Ministerial Training and Scholarship Fund offers a Scholarship to Ministry and Theology students in the final two years of their Bachelor of Ministry and Theology degree (BMinTh) or for the final year of those in the Graduate Diploma of Ministry and Theology (GradDipMinTh). We encourage applicants who meet the criteria below to complete the attached form. The Avondale Ministerial Training Scholarship is worth up to fifty percent (50%) of the total tuition fee in a full year.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be Australian or New Zealand citizens enrolled in either the BMinTh or GradDipMinTh who are half way (in credit point value) through their course of study. This scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other Avondale scholarship.

CONDITIONS

1. The recipient will normally undertake a study load of 24 credit points each semester in the Avondale Seminary.
2. This Scholarship is open to persons who are eligible for ministerial employment within Australia and New Zealand.

CRITERIA

1. 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 next semester in which all units are passed, where relevant.
2. The funds will be applied to the recipient's Avondale College of Higher Education (Avondale) General Fees and/or Tuition Fees account each semester and cannot be redeemed for cash, in part or in whole. The exception to this is that on graduation, if the recipient's account is in credit after all charges to the account have been met, the balance may then be taken in cash (with likely taxation implications).
3. If payment of the full Scholarship would place a student's account in credit for any one year, the excess funds may be applied to that student's account for the following year.
4. The award of a Scholarship does not guarantee an offer of paid employment in field ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church upon graduation.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Applicants are required to complete the Application Form, along with a statement of their Ministry Philosophy, and submit it to Avondale Seminary.
2. The Head of Seminary shall be responsible for the initial screening of applications and will make recommendations to the Secretary of the Avondale Ministerial Training and Scholarship Fund. The Head of Seminary, or his/her nominee, will then inform those who have been selected for an interview, via their Avondale student email, in the week before interviews are scheduled.
3. The applicants must be currently enrolled in one of the ministerial training pre-service courses approved for this Scholarship and would be expected to have successfully completed the first half (by credit points) of the course prior to being awarded the Scholarship.
4. As part of the application procedure, the applicants will sign an agreement committing to full-time work in a paid pastoral capacity for at least one year within the South Pacific Division territory of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (should such employment be offered), for each year or part thereof that assistance has been received, in order to amortize the Scholarship funding provided.
5. The applicants will, as part of the application process, provide an undertaking that acceptance of the Scholarship implies a willingness to live in harmony with the beliefs/lifestyle expected of a Seventh-day Adventist minister.
6. **Scholarship Applications close September 25.**

AWARD PROCESS

1. Applicants will complete the attached application form along with all other requested information and submit it to Avondale Seminary.
2. Applicants will subsequently participate in an interview with the Chair of the Avondale Ministerial Training and Scholarship Fund, or nominee, and at least one other member of the Avondale Ministerial Training and Scholarship Fund Board of Management, together with and at least one Avondale Ministry and Theology representative. This interview will be face-to-face at Avondale in October. The interview schedule will be available from the Seminary's Administrative Assistant.
3. Following consultation with Avondale Seminary, the Chair of the Avondale Ministerial Training and Scholarship Fund will recommend a list of suitable names to the full membership of the Avondale Ministerial Training and Scholarship Fund Board of Management.
4. Students will be informed of the outcome of their application by the Head of Seminary in November.
5. The Fund's Board of Management shall meet at least once annually to award scholarships at the call of the Secretary of the Avondale Ministerial Training and Scholarship Fund.
6. The Board of Management of the Avondale Ministerial Training and Scholarship Fund shall award scholarships from within the list of names reviewed by the Avondale Seminary, as funding permits.

AVONDALE MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Gender: Birth Year: Citizenship:

Address:
..... Postcode:

Home Phone: Mobile:

Email:

Course Name: Year of Course:

1. State on at least two separate pages, and attach to this application form, your personal philosophy of ministry and how you are implementing it by contributing significantly to Avondale, your Church, your community, and family life. In addition, give reasons why you believe in your call to ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This request is an opportunity for you to present in an articulate way your call to ministry and show how that conviction has been exercised.
2. Share your statement of philosophy of ministry with two individuals who meet the criteria outlined below and following joint discussion of your statement seek their willingness to be referees on your behalf as you apply for this Scholarship. With that process completed please include the names in the spaces provided:
 - a. Pastor or leader of the congregation in which you are involved. The Ministry Practicum Director will communicate with the Pastoral Mentor to verify this.

Name of Pastor: Phone:
 - b. A lecturer of Avondale Seminary. The Ministry Practicum Director will communicate with the Avondale lecturer to verify this.

Lecturer: Phone:
3. If you feel your case could be based on financial need, please attach documentation to assist in your application.
4. My signature immediately following points a. to e. denotes:
 - a. I am currently enrolled in one of the ministerial training pre-service courses approved for this Scholarship and have already successfully completed the first half (by credit points) of the course, and
 - b. I am committed, immediately upon graduation from Avondale, to full-time work within the South Pacific Division territory of the Seventh-day Adventist church, for at least one year in a paid pastoral capacity for each year of assistance, and
 - c. I understand that if I do not accept a bona fide offer of paid employment as a Seventh-day Adventist minister within 12 months of graduation from Avondale College of Higher Education I will repay any and all benefits received from this Scholarship. I further understand that should no offer of ministerial employment be received within two employment cycles of my graduation I am released from all obligations to repay any Scholarship benefits received, and
 - d. I understand that acceptance of the Scholarship implies a willingness to live in harmony with the beliefs and lifestyle expected of a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

Applicant's signature: Date:

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5. Tick one box

I am presently receiving Government Fee Help

I am not receiving Government Fee Help or am not eligible to receive Government Fee Help

6. This completed form along with the attached statement of philosophy is to be lodged with Avondale Seminary, prior to the close of applications.

7. Please indicate which account you would like your scholarship applied to – (tick one box only)

General Fees Account (This includes accommodation and/or miscellaneous expenses)

Tuition Account

Any changes must be made in writing to Student Finance before census date.

Signature _____ Date _____

POST OR EMAIL APPLICATION TO:

Avondale Seminary
Avondale College of Higher Education
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COORANBONG NSW 2265
Australia.
Email: seminary@avondale.edu.au