

MCDOWELL THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Through the generosity of former principal Dr Gordon McDowell, Avondale University offers a scholarship to ministry and theology students. The scholarship encourages students who may not have the financial means to complete the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology or Master of Ministry courses, which will prepare them for employed ministry in Seventh-day Adventist or other Christian churches.

VALUE

The McDowell Theology Scholarship is worth up to \$8000. Up to four scholarships valued at up to \$2000 per year (\$1000 per semester) may be awarded to first-year students for the remainder of their course. Up to four scholarships valued at up to \$2000 per year (\$1000 per semester) may also be awarded to second-, third- or fourth-year students for the remainder of their course. One-off scholarships of up to \$2000 may also be awarded. Avondale will apply the money to the recipients' tuition account. The money comes from the McDowell Theology Scholarship Reserve.

ELIGIBILITY

The McDowell Theology Scholarship is available to any new or returning students enrolling in the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology or Master of Ministry courses. Successful applicants can also receive other Avondale scholarships.

CONDITIONS

Avondale awards the McDowell Theology Scholarship at census date subject to the recipients:

- Completing the McDowell Theology Scholarship Application Form, and;
- Meeting requirements for admission as enrolled students in four units per semester (or, at the discretion of the Avondale Seminary Head, in less than four units with the scholarship awarded on a pro-rata basis) of the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology or Master of Ministry courses.

CRITERIA

Applicants for the McDowell Theology Scholarship must:

- Be baptised and active members of a local Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Recipients of the McDowell Theology Scholarship must:

- Maintain an academic status of good standing (students enrolled in four units per semester must pass at least three—the scholarship will be suspended for a semester if any student fails more than one unit and may be reinstated the semester after a student passes all units), and;
- Demonstrate competence in meeting applicable ministerial placement requirements, and;
- Maintain good standing in the community. (Scholarships may be revoked at the discretion of the Discipline Committee, where the recipient brings the name of Avondale into disrepute.)

Recipients of the McDowell Theology Scholarship cannot:

- Defer the scholarship in their first year of study. (A student wishing to defer in subsequent years must submit a request to Avondale Seminary. They can defer the scholarship for only one year.)
- Redeem the scholarship for cash.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applicants for the McDowell Theology Scholarship must:

- Submit the McDowell Theology Scholarship Application Form by January 31—email seminary@avondale.edu.au.

AVONDALE SEMINARY ENQUIRIES

Phone: +61 2 4980 2109

Email: seminary@avondale.edu.au

STUDENT FINANCE SERVICES ENQUIRIES

Phone: +61 2 4980 2108

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**MCDOWELL THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Married

Spouse Name: _____

Spouse Date of Birth: _____

Do you have dependant children? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If "Yes," number of children: _____

Give a brief account of your Christian experience and conversion.

How long in years have you been a practising Christian? _____

Are you a baptised member of your church? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If "Yes," date of baptism: _____

Name of church where you are a member: _____

Describe how you are serving your local church, including any official roles you hold?

What has inspired you to prepare for the ministry?

Provide details of two people who are willing to supply a reference on your behalf. (One should be the minister of the church where you are a member.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to you: _____

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Have you received other Avondale scholarships? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If "Yes," name of scholarship/s: _____

Have you received previous tertiary qualifications? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If "Yes," name of award, institution, year awarded:

Award	Institution	Year Awarded

Please add other information that might be relevant to your application. Comments relating to personal issues will be kept within the confidence of the McDowell Theology Scholarship Management Committee.
