

A limited number of scholarships worth \$3,000 per annum for up to two years of study are available to teacher education students entering their third or fourth year of an undergraduate teacher education degree course, or the first or second year of a graduate-entry Bachelor of Teaching degree course at Avondale College. Each year scholarships are made available in specific teaching fields where ASA perceives that there is a high demand. For 2012 scholarships will be offered to male primary undergraduates and secondary undergraduates with specialisation in English, Bible, Mathematics and Science. Successful applicants will also receive an additional \$3,000 payable during the first year of employment as a graduate teacher with Adventist Schools Australia, bringing the scholarship total to a maximum amount of \$9,000. Emphasis in allocation of scholarships will be given to students undertaking teaching majors in short supply.

ELIGIBILITY

- a) Any permanent Australian resident student entering the third or fourth year of a four-year undergraduate teacher education degree course at Avondale College in 2012.
- b) Any permanent Australian resident student entering the first or second year of a two-year graduate-entry Bachelor of Teaching degree course at Avondale College in 2012.

Note: A decision regarding the awarding of scholarships to BTch applicants may be deferred pending receipt of first semester grades and/or professional experience reports. Payments will be backdated for successful BTch applicants.

- c) The ASA System Needs Education Scholarship is available to both residential and non-residential students.
- d) The purpose of the ASA System Needs Education Scholarship is primarily to assist Avondale College students.

CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- a) Be a baptised member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and regularly attending his/her local congregation;
- b) Be a permanent Australian resident;
- c) Demonstrate competence in meeting professional experience requirements having achieved at least a credit in the most recent practicum result;
- d) Maintain full-time enrolment in the course approved for this scholarship.

CONDITIONS

- a) Scholarships are granted on the condition that a student undertakes a full-time study load each semester.

- b) Continuance of the scholarship is contingent upon the scholarship holder passing all subjects. The scholarship will be suspended for the semester following the failure of any subject, and then reinstated and payments backdated following the next semester in which all subjects are passed.
- c) Once approved, any variation to the agreed study program can only be considered by the ASA Education Scholarship Committee for the following reasons:
 - i) That any variation is deemed by the Scholarship Committee to be advantageous to the school system;
 - ii) Any variation must have the written support of the Avondale College Dean of the Faculty of Education and Science.
- d) Any scholarship holder who is deemed to have defaulted from the terms and conditions of their agreement is liable for the repayment of the scholarship in full to ASA with the addition of appropriate administration fees. A scholarship holder may be deemed to have defaulted for the following reasons:
 - i) Changes from the agreed course of study without the approval of the ASA Education Scholarship Committee.
 - ii) Failure to complete the agreed course of study due to failing grades.
 - iii) Failure to accept an appointment to teach in an Adventist school in Australia following graduation. Recipients should be aware that every effort will be made to find a mutually agreeable location; however, if this is not possible employment opportunities in other areas may be offered.
- e) Recipients must sign a Bond Agreement requiring them to be available to teach for two years for the Seventh-day Adventist school system in Australia.
- f) In the unlikely event that the Teacher Placement Committee does not offer a teaching position by 31 December of the graduating year, the scholarship holder is not bound to repay the scholarship fund for the amount already extended to them; however, the scholarship will be deemed cancelled and payments extending into the first year of employment will not be made.

PAYMENTS

- a) Payment will be made each semester as a direct payment to Avondale College on behalf of the student. Students may choose whether to have the scholarship amount deposited into their living or tuition expenses. Generally scholarships cannot be redeemed for cash, in whole or in part.
- b) Upon accepting employment at an ASA school, ASA will make payment directly to the graduate teacher in two equal instalments, once at the commencement of employment and once at the conclusion of the school year. ASA recognises that payments during employment are subject to Fringe Benefits Tax and undertakes to pay this Tax on behalf of the recipient.

DEFERRAL

1. Requests for deferral will only be considered for taskforce volunteer positions.
2. All requests must be presented to the ASA Education Scholarship Committee in writing and must also have the written endorsement of the Avondale College Faculty of Education and Science before being presented for consideration.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. **NAME** _____
Surname *Given names*

Gender _____ Birth date _____ Citizenship _____

2. **ADDRESS** _____
_____ Postcode _____

Home telephone (__) _____ Mobile telephone _____

E-mail address _____

3. CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

Are you a baptised member of the SDA Church? _____ Date of baptism _____

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

What church offices have you held? _____

Name the church where you are a member _____

Minister's name _____ Phone (__) _____

Minister's e-mail address _____

How often do you attend church? Weekly 3-4 times a month

1-2 times a month Less than once a month Never

In what capacities have you served in your church? _____

Why did you choose to be a Seventh-day Adventist? _____

4. CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE AND BELIEFS

How long have you been a practising Christian? _____

Describe your faith journey and how you came to make a decision to follow Christ _____

Give your own definition of a Christian _____

What are your views about the authority and historical accuracy of the Bible? _____

What is your attitude to the theory of evolution in the light of Biblical teaching? _____

How important to you is the Adventist religion and cultural lifestyle, including Sabbath observance?

5. PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDES

What do you think a Christian school's position ought to be for each of the following areas?

a) Outline your attitude to drugs, alcohol, tobacco and marijuana _____

- b) Outline your attitude to pornography _____

- c) Outline your attitude to social networking in a professional setting _____

- d) How do you display commitment and enthusiasm for teaching? _____

- e) What will be your approach to working with other staff members at the school to which you may be appointed? _____

- f) What professional development plans to do you have? _____

- g) What do you believe is the most important function of a Christian school? _____

- h) What do you consider is your primary motive in seeking a career as a Christian teacher? _____

6. **REFEREES** (Please give the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address for three persons willing to supply a reference on your behalf. Your first referee should be your local church or home church pastor.)

Referee 1 (your local church or home church pastor)

Name _____ Phone (__) _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

E-mail address _____

Referee 2

Name _____ Phone (__) _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

E-mail address _____

Referee 3

Name _____ Phone (__) _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

E-mail address _____

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

8. **MARITAL STATUS:** Single (Go to section 10) Married (Go to section 9)

9. SPOUSE (optional)

Name _____ Maiden name _____
Given names

Birth date _____ Citizenship _____

10. DEPENDANT CHILDREN (optional)

| <u>Given name</u> | <u>Gender</u> | <u>Birth year</u> | <u>Given Name</u> | <u>Gender</u> | <u>Birth year</u> |
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11. HEALTH

Have you had any recurring health problems? Yes No

If yes, explain _____

Do you have any physical disabilities that might limit your studying/teaching efficiency? Yes No

If yes, give details _____

12. OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

Are there any other circumstances that we need to know about that could impact on your performance if employed as a teacher? Yes No

If yes, please give details _____

POLICE RECORD

Have you ever been convicted by any criminal court? Yes No

If yes, please give details _____

13. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

| <u>Award</u> | <u>Institution/School</u> | <u>Year awarded</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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14. NON ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Do you have any other qualifications, eg first aid, cooking certificates, etc? Yes No

If yes, please give details _____

15. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Tick any of the following for which you have special training, experience or interest.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Other musical instruments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Piano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> School newspaper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debating | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Student guidance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keyboarding | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handicrafts | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor education | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical education | _____ |

16. CURRENT STUDY PROGRAM

Please indicate the year level of study you will be entering in 2012 _____

17. TEACHING PREFERENCES

The purpose of the AUC Education Scholarship is to ensure a supply of teachers in specified areas. Please indicate those areas in which you qualify:

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING *(please tick if you are studying Early Childhood Teaching)*

PRIMARY TEACHING *(please tick if you are studying Primary Teaching)*

SECONDARY TEACHING *(please tick if you are studying Secondary Teaching)*

Please list your major teaching fields _____

Please list your minor teaching fields _____

Please list any other subject area in which you have some competency and may be willing to teach _____

18. OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Please list any other scholarships for which you have applied or are a recipient of that may limit your availability for a teaching appointment to any location within Australia _____

Please indicate whether or not you wish your application to be also considered for an ASA Regional Education Scholarship. *(Please see ASA Regional Education Scholarship information and criteria).* Yes No

If yes, please indicate which regional area/s you would be willing to serve Western Australia

South Australia Tasmania Northern Queensland Mildura (Victoria) Bundaberg (Queensland)

Please note: The acceptance of an ASA Regional Education Scholarship negates any offer of an ASA System Needs Education Scholarship.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- a) The granting of an ASA System Needs Education Scholarship does not guarantee a teaching position upon completion of the course. In the event that the Teacher Placement Committee is unable to offer employment upon completion of an agreed course of study, the scholarship holder is not required to repay scholarship funds received to date; however, no further scholarship payments will be made.
- b) Recipients of the scholarship will be required to sign a Bond Agreement to teach for the Seventh-day Adventist School system in Australia for a period of two years.
- c) Employment under this agreement will be commensurate with the terms of employment as outlined in the South Pacific Division Working Policy and the Adventist Schools Australia Education Handbook.

I affirm the information provided above to be accurate and complete in all respects.

Applicant's signature

Date completed

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

1. ASA System Needs Education Scholarship applications close 30 November 2011.
2. Scholarship applications will be processed in the first week of December and offers will be made at the first available opportunity after that date.
3. If you are a transferring student intending to complete your study at Avondale College, please complete a general application form for admission into Avondale College. Generally, scholarships will only be awarded to current students or those students who have applied and been admitted to Avondale College.
4. General application for enrolment forms can be downloaded from the Avondale College website <http://www.avondale.edu.au> or obtained from the Enquiries Centre.
Avondale College Enquiries Centre: (02) 4980 2277
FreeCall Australia: 1800 804 324
E-mail: enquiries@avondale.edu.au
5. A copy of the Adventist Schools Australia Privacy Statement and Bond Agreement is available upon request from the National Office of Adventist Schools Australia.
6. Please mail your application to the following office:

Dr Daryl Murdoch, National Director
Adventist Schools Australia
PO Box 4368
RINGWOOD VIC 3134
Email: scholarship@adventist.org.au
7. Phone inquiries regarding the ASA System Needs Education Scholarship should be directed to the National Office of Adventist Schools Australia: 03 9871 7518.