

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. 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 Australian student entering the third or fourth year of a four-year undergraduate teacher education degree course at Avondale College in 2010.
- b) Any Australian student entering the first or second year of a two-year graduate-entry Bachelor of Teaching degree course at Avondale College in 2010.

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 scholarship is available to both residential and non-residential students.
- d) The purpose of the AUC Education Scholarship is primarily to assist Avondale College students. However, if Avondale College is unable to offer training in a subject major required by the school system, then the benefits of the scholarship may be extended to include students studying at other institutions.

CONDITIONS

- a) Applicants must:
 - i) Maintain full-time enrolment in the course approved for this scholarship;
 - ii) Demonstrate competence in meeting professional experience requirements.
- b) Once approved, any variation to the agreed study program can only be considered by the 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.
- c) Any scholarship holder who fails to complete the agreed course of study at Avondale College will be liable to reimburse the fund for the full amount extended to them plus an administrative fee of \$1,000 for every year for which the student has been a recipient of the scholarship. However, a student may apply to the Scholarship Committee for consideration to waive this fee in special circumstances.
- d) Any scholarship holder who changes from the agreed course of study without the approval of the AUC Education Scholarship Committee (eg a change of major or minor) will be liable to reimburse the fund for the full amount extended to them plus an administrative fee of \$1,000 for every year for which the student has been a recipient of the scholarship.

- e) Any scholarship holder who fails to complete the agreed course of study due to failing grades will not be required to reimburse the fund, provided their application for exemption is approved by the AUC Education Scholarship Committee.
- f) Any scholarship holder who fails to complete the agreed course of study due to failing grades but who subsequently completes a degree program at another institution using credits from Avondale College, will be liable to reimburse the fund for the full amount extended to them plus an administrative fee of \$1,000 for every year for which the student has been a recipient of the scholarship.
- g) 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 at any school nominated by the Teacher Placement Committee.
- h) Any scholarship holder who on completion of their course does not accept an appointment offered to them will be liable to reimburse the fund for the full amount extended to them plus an administrative fee of \$1,000 for every year for which the student has been a recipient of the scholarship. Recipients should be aware that they might be required to teach anywhere in Australia. However, every effort will be made to find a mutually agreeable location.
- i) In the unlikely event that the Teacher Placement Committee does not offer a teaching position by 31 December of the graduating year, the student is not bound to repay the scholarship fund for the amount extended to them.
- j) All monies owed to the AUC Education Scholarship Committee must be paid at such time as the default occurs.

CRITERIA

- a) The applicant must be a baptised member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and regularly attending his/her local congregation.
- b) Scholarships are granted on the condition that a student undertakes a full-time study load each semester.
- c) Continuance of the scholarship is contingent upon passing all subjects. The scholarship will be suspended for the semester following the failure of any subject, and then reinstated and backdated following the next semester in which all subjects are passed.
- d) Scholarships cannot be redeemed for cash, in whole or in part.
- e) Applicants must be permanent Australian residents.

DEFERRAL

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

Gender _____ Birth date _____ Citizenship _____

2. **ADDRESS** _____
_____ Postcode _____

Home telephone (__) _____ Mobile telephone _____

Email 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 address _____
_____ Postcode _____

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 are you a Seventh-day Adventist instead of a member of another church? _____

4. CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE AND BELIEFS

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 _____

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? _____

5. PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDES

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

a) The use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and marijuana? _____

b) Homosexuality? _____

c) Competitive sport? _____

d) Behaviour codes for teachers? _____

e) Music? _____

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

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 email address for two persons willing to supply a reference on your behalf.)*

Name _____ Phone (__) _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email address _____

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email 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>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

11. **HEALTH**

Have you had any recurring health problems? _____ If yes, explain _____

Do you have any physical disabilities that might limit your studying/teaching efficiency? _____

If yes, give details _____

POLICE RECORD

Have you ever been convicted by any criminal court? _____ If yes, please give details _____

12. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

<u>Award</u>	<u>Institution/School</u>	<u>Year awarded</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

13. NON ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Do you have any other qualifications, eg first aid, cooking certificates, etc? _____

If yes, please give details _____

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

15. CURRENT STUDY PROGRAM

Please indicate the year level of study you will be entering in 2010. _____

16. 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 _____

17. 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 NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- a) The granting of this scholarship does not guarantee a teaching position upon completion of the course.
- 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.



- d) The Teacher Placement Committee will have the right to determine the location of your initial teaching appointment.

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. Scholarship applications close 30 November 2009.
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 John G Hammond
National Director Adventist Schools Australia
PO Box 4368
RINGWOOD VIC 3134
Email: scholarship@adventist.org.au
7. Phone inquiries regarding the AUC Education Scholarship should be directed to the National Office of Adventist Schools Australia: 03 9871 7518.