

The New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) wishes to encourage students preparing for the Teaching Ministry. A tangible way of doing this is to provide financial assistance to students studying Teacher Education at Avondale College of Higher Education (Australia). The purpose of these scholarships is to enhance the supply of Seventh-day Adventist teachers in New Zealand.

In 2012 the NZPUC has two forms of assistance available for students studying for a teaching qualification at Avondale College. There is a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) Assistance Grant of AU\$1000 and an Education Scholarship of AU\$3000. Details on these are provided below.

### COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE (CSP) ASSISTANCE GRANT – AU\$1000

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) The applicant must be enrolled in the Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary undergraduate teaching degree or in the Bachelor of Teaching program at Avondale College in 2012.
- b) Applicants must be New Zealand residents with New Zealand as their home base.
- c) Anyone who has Australian citizenship and qualifies for deferral of HECS payments (HECS-HELP) will not be eligible.
- d) Applicants must not qualify for HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP loans.
- e) The applicant must demonstrate a commitment to the Teaching Ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist church. This includes being a baptised member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and regularly attending their local congregation.
- f) The grant is awarded subject to the applicant meeting normal admission requirements.
- g) All offers are made subject to confirmation of academic status.
- h) Applicants are required to undertake a full study load of at least 24 credit-points (4 units) per semester and maintain satisfactory grades.
- i) The grant is available to both residential and non-residential students.
- j) Selection criteria will apply.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. This assistance will only be granted for one year at a time. The receipt of assistance in any year does not guarantee that this assistance will continue for the applicant's remaining years of study at Avondale College of Higher Education. This assistance must be applied for on an annual basis.

2. Assistance will be credited directly to the applicant's fees account at Avondale and credited on a \$500 per semester basis.
3. Second semester continuance of the grant is contingent upon passing all units in first semester.
4. The grant cannot be deferred or redeemed for cash, in part or in whole.
5. Applications for the CSP Assistance Grant must be made on the official application form.
6. The closing date for applications for 2012 is 31 January 2012. (Late applications may be considered after this date where there are still scholarship funds available).
7. Applications will be processed in the first two weeks of February and offers will be made at the first available opportunity after that date.

## NZPUC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP – AU\$3000

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) Applicants must be entering the third or fourth year of a four-year undergraduate teacher education degree course or the first or second year of a two-year Bachelor of Teaching degree at Avondale College of Higher Education in 2012.
- b) Applicants must be eligible to hold a permanent position in a New Zealand Seventh-day Adventist School upon graduation (this includes eligibility for an appropriate work permit/visa where necessary).
- c) The scholarship is awarded subject to the applicant meeting normal admission requirements.
- d) All offers are made subject to confirmation of academic status.
- e) Applicants are required to undertake a full study load of at least 24 credit points (4 units) per semester and maintain satisfactory grades.
- f) The scholarship is available to both residential and non-residential students.
- g) Selection criteria will apply.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Applicants must:
  - i) maintain full-time enrolment (at least 24 credit points) in the course approved for this scholarship;
  - ii) demonstrate competence in meeting professional experience requirements.
2. Once approved, any variation to the agreed study program can only be considered for the following reasons:
  - i) that any variation is deemed 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.
3. Any scholarship holder who fails to complete the agreed course of study at Avondale College will be liable to reimburse the NZPUC for the full amount extended to that point.
4. Any scholarship holder who changes from the agreed course of study without the approval of the NZPUC Director of Education (eg a change of major or minor) will be liable to reimburse the NZPUC for the full amount extended to that point.
5. Any scholarship holder who fails to complete the agreed course of study due to failing grades will not be required to reimburse the NZPUC, provided their application for exemption is approved by the NZPUC Director of Education.
6. 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 of Higher Education, will be liable to reimburse the NZPUC for the full amount extended while on the scholarship.
7. Recipients must sign a bond agreement requiring them to be available to teach for two years for the Seventh-day Adventist school system in New Zealand. Recipients will be required to apply for positions in consultation with the NZPUC Director of Education.

8. Any scholarship holder who on completion of their course does not apply for a position (refer part g) or accept an appointment offered to them will be liable to reimburse the NZPUC for the full amount extended to them. Recipients should be aware that they may be required to apply for and accept teaching positions anywhere in New Zealand. However, every effort will be made to find a mutually agreeable location.
9. In the unlikely event that the recipient has not been offered a teaching position by 31 December of the graduating year, the student is not bound to repay the NZPUC the amount extended and is released from the bond.
10. All monies owed to the NZPUC must be paid at such time as the default occurs.
11. 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 reinstated and backdated following the next semester in which all units are passed.
12. Scholarships will be credited directly to the applicant's fees account at Avondale College of Higher Education and cannot be redeemed for cash, in whole or in part.
13. Requests for deferral will only be considered for volunteer positions involving a service component. All such requests must be presented to the NZPUC Director of Education in writing and must also have the written endorsement of the Avondale College Life Committee and Faculty of Education and Science before being presented for consideration.
14. The closing date for applications for 2012 is 31 January 2012. (Late applications may be considered after this date where there are still scholarship funds available).

I AM APPLYING FOR  CSP ASSISTANCE GRANT – AU\$1000 and/or  
 NZPUC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP – AU\$3000

- This is a first time application – please complete the full application form.  
 This is a re-application – please only complete those sections that have changed since your original application and sign the final declaration.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname Given names

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you happy for your minister to be contacted by us? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How frequently 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why are you a Seventh-day Adventist instead of a member of another church? \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE AND BELIEFS**

How long have you been a practising Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

Give a brief account of your Christian experience and conversion. \_\_\_\_\_

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Give your own definition of a Christian. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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How important to you is the Adventist religion and cultural lifestyle? \_\_\_\_\_

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**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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b) Homosexuality? \_\_\_\_\_

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c) Competitive sport? \_\_\_\_\_

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d) Behaviour codes for teachers? \_\_\_\_\_

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e) Music? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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What do you consider is your primary motive in seeking a career as a Christian teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. **REFEREES** (Please give the name, address and phone number for two persons willing to supply a reference on your behalf.)

**Referee 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

**Referee 2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Avondale students:** Are you happy for us to contact the Avondale College Faculty of Education and Science for additional reference information?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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 in confidence 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.

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8. **MARITAL STATUS:** Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

9. **SPOUSE (optional)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Given names*

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

10. **DEPENDANT CHILDREN (optional)**

<u>Given name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Birth year</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Birth year</u>
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**11. HEALTH**

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

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

If yes, give details \_\_\_\_\_

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**12. POLICE RECORD**

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

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**13. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

Award

Institution/School

Year awarded

<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? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please give details \_\_\_\_\_

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**15. TEACHING PREFERENCES**

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

- EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING**
- PRIMARY TEACHING**
- SECONDARY TEACHING**

Please list your major teaching fields \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list your minor teaching fields \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING**

- a) The granting of a CSP Assistance Grant or 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 New Zealand for a period of two years upon graduation.
- c) Employment under this agreement will be commensurate with the terms of employment for teachers in New Zealand Seventh-day Adventist State Integrated Schools.
- d) The Director of Education will have the right to request applications from recipients for specific advertised vacancies and to direct recipients to accept positions offered by schools.

I affirm that I have read the information provided with this application form and that I meet the applicable criteria as specified, and,  
I affirm the information provided above is accurate and complete in all respects.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date completed*

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.**



## NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR AVONDALE COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION EDUCATION STUDENTS

### Adventist Education New Zealand

#### *Application Process*

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1. Applications close 31 January 2012. (Late applications may be considered after this date where there are still scholarship funds available).
2. Applications will be processed during the first two weeks of February and offers will be made at the first available opportunity after that date.
3. If you are a new student or a transferring student intending to complete your study at Avondale College of Higher Education, please complete a general application form for admission into Avondale. Generally, scholarships will only be awarded to current students or those students who have applied and been admitted to Avondale.
4. General application for enrolment forms can be downloaded from the Avondale College of Higher Education website <http://www.avondale.edu.au> or obtained from the Enquiries Centre.  
Avondale Admission Enquiry Centre: (+61 2) 4980 2377  
E-mail: [enquiries@avondale.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@avondale.edu.au)
5. Please mail your application to the following office:

Miss Rosalie McFarlane  
Private Bag 76 900  
South Auckland Mail Centre  
Manukau 2240  
NEW ZEALAND

Email: [rmcfarlane@adventist.org.nz](mailto:rmcfarlane@adventist.org.nz)