



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

### Adventist Education New Zealand

#### *Information and Criteria*

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 (Australia). The purpose of these scholarships is to enhance the supply of Seventh-day Adventist teachers in New Zealand.

The NZPUC has two forms of assistance available for students studying for a teaching qualification at Avondale College. There is a HECS Assistance Grant of AU\$1000 and an Education Scholarship of AU\$3000. Details on these are provided below.

### HECS 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 2009.
- 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 will not be eligible.
- d) Applicants must not qualify for deferred HECS payments 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 subjects) per semester and maintain satisfactory grades.
- i) The grant is available to both residential and non-residential students.
- j) Selection criteria will apply.
- k) All recipients should be of good standing in the community. Scholarships or part thereof may be revoked at the discretion of the Discipline Committee, where the recipient brings the name of Avondale into disrepute.

#### TERMS

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. This assistance must be applied for on an annual basis.
2. Assistance will be credited directly to the applicant's fees account at Avondale College and credited on a \$500 per semester basis.
3. Second semester continuance of the grant is contingent upon passing all subjects in first semester.
4. The grant cannot be deferred or redeemed for cash, in part or in whole.
5. Applications for the HECS Assistance Grant must be made on the official application form.



6. The closing date for applications for 2009 is 28 November 2008.
7. Applications will be processed in the first two weeks of December and offers will be made within 14 days.

## **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 in 2009.
- 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 subjects) per semester and maintain satisfactory grades.
- f) The scholarship is available to both residential and non-residential students.
- g) Selection criteria will apply.
- h) All recipients should be of good standing in the community. Scholarships or part thereof may be revoked at the discretion of the Discipline Committee, where the recipient brings the name of Avondale into disrepute.

### **TERM AND 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 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- 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 NZPUC for the full amount extended while on 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 New Zealand. Recipients will be required to apply for positions in consultation with the NZPUC Director of Education.

- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) All monies owed to the NZPUC must be paid at such time as the default occurs.
- l) 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.
- m) Scholarships will be credited directly to the applicant's fees account at Avondale College and cannot be redeemed for cash, in whole or in part.
- n) 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 before being presented for consideration.
- o) The closing date for applications for 2009 is **28 November 2008**.



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 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>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

<u>Award</u>	<u>Institution/School</u>	<u>Year awarded</u>
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_____	_____	_____
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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. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERESTS

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

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| ___ Art             | ___ Library                      |
| ___ Career guidance | ___ Outdoor education            |
| ___ Piano           | ___ Other musical instruments    |
| ___ Computers       | ___ Physical education           |
| ___ Drama           | ___ School newspaper             |
| ___ Debating        | ___ Singing                      |
| ___ Electronics     | ___ Student guidance             |
| ___ Keyboarding     | ___ Other (please specify) _____ |
| ___ Handicrafts     | _____                            |

**16. 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 HECS 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.**





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*Application Process*

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1. Applications close 28 November 2008.
2. Applications will be processed during the first two weeks of December 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, 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: (+61 2) 4980 2277  
E-mail: [enquiries@avondale.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@avondale.edu.au)
5. Please mail your application to the following office:

Mr Owen Ellis  
Director of Education  
Private Bag 76 900  
**Manukau City**  
Email: [owellis@adventist.org.au](mailto:owellis@adventist.org.au)