

DRISCOLL PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Avondale University offers this scholarship each year to encourage a student from the Pacific islands to enrol in an undergraduate, postgraduate or higher degree by research course.

DETAILS

The scholarship is worth \$7000. The recipient receives \$3500 in their first semester and \$3500 in their second. Avondale will apply the money to the recipient's tuition account. The money comes from the Driscoll Pacific Islands Student Scholarship Reserve, which is a bequest from the Driscoll family.

William (Bill) and Linda Driscoll's strong connection with Avondale and the South Pacific inspired them to help students from the Pacific islands study at Avondale. Bill's service to Seventh-day Adventist education in the South Pacific spanned more than 45 years. He graduated from Avondale as a primary school teacher before completing a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education through The University of Queensland. His lasting influence on a generation of teachers began with roles as principal of Avondale Primary and High Schools and as a lecturer at Avondale between 1950 and 1967. Bill then established the secondary teacher training program at Fulton College in Fiji. Linda graduated from the Business and Secretarial courses at Avondale then, in 1967, became the first woman to graduate from the Bachelor of Arts (Theology) course. In later years, she graduated from the Master in Family Life Education course conferred by Loma Linda University through Avondale and completed chaplaincy training through Ormond College and the Austin Hospital in Victoria. She taught theology at Avondale, Fulton and other Adventist Pacific Island institutions and served in chaplaincy at Warburton, Auckland and Sydney Adventist Hospitals.

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship is available to a new student who is a citizen and permanent resident of a Pacific island nation within the territory of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and enrolls in an undergraduate, postgraduate coursework or higher degree by research course. Students holding a New Zealand passport are ineligible to apply.

CONDITIONS

Avondale awards the scholarship at census subject to the recipient:

- Meeting requirements for admission as an enrolled student preferably in three units per semester (undergraduate degree), two units per semester (postgraduate course) or one unit per semester (higher degree by research course). If the student is enrolled in fewer than the preferred number of units, the scholarship will be paid out at a pro-rata rate, and;
- Completing the Driscoll Pacific Islands Student Scholarship Application Form.

CRITERIA

Applicants for the scholarship must:

- Declare they are citizens and permanent residents of a Pacific island nation within the territory of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church;
- Explain why they want to study at Avondale, and;
- Explain how completing a course will help serve their world for good.

The recipient of the scholarship must:

- Participate in a donor–recipient acknowledgement process initiated by Avondale;
- Maintain an academic status of good standing (students enrolled in four units per semester must pass at least three), 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.)
- If the conditions of the scholarship are not met by the census date, the scholarship will be discontinued.

The recipient of the scholarship cannot:

- Redeem the scholarship for cash, and;
- Transfer or defer the scholarship.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applicants for the Driscoll Pacific Islands Student Scholarship must:

- Submit the Driscoll Pacific Islands Student Scholarship Application Form by the applicable enrolment deadline—email studentadmin@avondale.edu.au.

ENQUIRIES

Student Finance Services

Phone: +61 2 4980 2108

Email: studentfinance@avondale.edu.au

DRISCOLL PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Full Name: _____

Phone (Mobile): _____

Email: _____

I declare I am a citizen and permanent resident of a Pacific island nation within the territory of the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Why do you want to study at Avondale?

How will completing your course help you serve your world for good?

Provide details of a person who is willing to supply a reference on your behalf.

Title: _____

Full Name: _____

Phone (Mobile): _____