

THE AVONDALE VICE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Vice Chancellor's Scholarship is one of Avondale University's most valued scholarships. It is awarded to students in the final year of secondary schools throughout Australia and New Zealand. This scholarship is reserved for students who show transformational qualities through their schooling years, particularly in their contribution to the school community, sporting achievements, cultural pursuits, and involvement in service initiatives. Potential students for this scholarship may be nominated by their school, or they may self-nominate with endorsement from their school. The scholarship is awarded to the student who best fulfills the scholarship criteria. This decision is made by the Avondale Scholarships and Prizes Committee, in consultation with the applicant's School Principal.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- **A strong positive influence that changes the lives of others**
- **A significant contribution to school, community, family and/or church**

DETAILS

The Avondale Vice Chancellor's Scholarship is worth **up to \$8,000**. It is worth \$3,000 in the first year of study (\$1,500 per semester) in an undergraduate degree or an Outdoor Leadership Vocational Education and Training (VET) award course, \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester) in the second year, and \$1,500 per year (\$750 per semester) for the third and (where relevant) fourth year of a degree course. The scholarship is granted for a maximum of four years. Recipients receive a certificate and a letter of congratulations.

CONDITIONS

- 1 The scholarship is available to any Year 12 (or equivalent) student enrolling in an undergraduate degree or an Outdoor Leadership VET award course;
- 2 Normally only one Vice Chancellor's Scholarship will be presented per school;
- 3 The scholarship is not transferable to any other student;
- 4 Prior to commencing enrolment at Avondale the scholarship can be deferred for up to one year. Recipients must notify Student Administration Services in writing if they wish to defer their scholarship;
- 5 Once the recipient has commenced enrolment at Avondale the scholarship can be deferred for up to one year only. Recipients must have approved intermission and notify Student Administration Services in writing if they wish to defer their scholarship;
- 6 The recipient can only receive benefit from one Avondale funded scholarship per year;
- 7 The semester value of the scholarship can only be applied to the recipient's general fees account or tuition account after Census date and cannot be redeemed for cash, in part or in whole;
- 8 If payment of the full scholarship places the recipient's account in credit in the first year, the excess funds may be applied to the recipient's account in the second year;
- 9 The recipient must undertake a full-time study load of at least 18 credit points (3 units) (or equivalent in an Outdoor Leadership VET award course) per semester. If the conditions of the scholarship are no longer being met at the census date, the scholarship will be discontinued, however recipients may apply in writing to the Director, Student Administration Services, for special consideration if there is a case of extenuating circumstances. Any approved cross-institutional study will be included when determining a student's study load for each semester;
- 10 Continuance of the scholarship is contingent upon the recipient maintaining an academic status of 'Good Standing' by passing more than 50% of units in a semester;
- 11 **The scholarship is granted for a maximum of four years and this needs to be taken into account where a recipient chooses to change course while enrolled at Avondale;**
- 12 All offers are made subject to confirmation of academic status;
- 13 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.

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CRITERIA

Your application (about two pages in length) should address all of the following criteria and provide examples of evidence in relation to each of them.

Supportive of Avondale's Christian values and lifestyle –

- 1 **Excellence:** Provide examples of how you have aimed to reach the highest standard possible in your work and human relationships and how you know that you have reached the level of excellence that you set for yourself.
- 2 **Spirituality:** Describe how you respond to God's invitation to commune with Him in prayer, meditation, fellowship, study of the Bible and public worship.
- 3 **Wellbeing:** Explain how you have developed a lifestyle that supports wellbeing and encompasses spiritual growth, intellectual development, cultural enrichment, physical activity, relaxation and recreation that allows you to care for your own needs and the needs of others.
- 4 **Integrity:** Indicate the importance of personal and professional integrity to your own life and describe the steps or systems you have put in place to ensure accountability in your activities.
- 5 **Service:** Provide examples of how you have responded when you became aware that others are in need of care and support.

Transformational Qualities

Describe how you have had a strong positive influence on those around you. This may be in a range of settings – your school, your community, your family and/or church.

Commitment to a Career in the Course of Your Choice

What course have you applied for to study at Avondale? Describe how this course will help you achieve your chosen career and be a transformative influence on your community.

Involvement in School Activities

- 1 Outline how you have contributed to your current school.
- 2 Tell us about your academic achievements including any awards or prizes you may have received.

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APPLICATION DETAILS

Names of potential recipients for this scholarship may be submitted by a process of:

Nomination by the School Principal in consultation with appropriate school staff OR self-nomination by the student with endorsement from the school.

- 1 The School Principal or Year 12 student should complete the Avondale Vice Chancellor's Scholarship Application form for the student to be eligible.
- 2 The applicant needs to respond to **all** areas of the scholarship criteria.
- 3 Accompanying a student's application for the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship must be a letter of recommendation from the School Principal or an appropriate school staff member confirming that the information included in the response from the student is a true reflection of their academic achievements and contribution to the school.
- 4 In some cases, Avondale will contact a person who knows the applicant well. Applicants are to provide the name and phone number of a referee, such as a school teacher, pastor, or employer, who is willing to provide a character reference for them.
- 5 The School Principal, Head of Secondary, or an appropriate teacher must endorse the student's application and email or post a copy of the application to Student Administration Services (details below) by the closing date.
- 6 **Applications close at 5 pm, 15 September, and are to be submitted to Student Administration Services.**

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

- 1 The scholarship application will only be processed for applicants who have also submitted an application to study at Avondale;
- 2 Once applications are received, the school will be contacted, if necessary, by an Avondale representative to confirm the application details before a decision is made;
- 3 An Avondale representative will contact the school to confirm details of their Presentation Night;
- 4 The successful recipient will be announced at the school's Presentation Night by the School Principal. The successful applicant will be presented with a certificate and a letter of congratulations from the Vice Chancellor of Avondale.

EMAIL APPLICATION TO:

studentadmin@avondale.edu.au

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP ENQUIRIES

Phone: +61 2 4980 2377 or

Email: studentadmin@avondale.edu.au

Website: www.avondale.edu.au

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APPLICATION**

Name _____

Address _____

_____Postcode _____

Phone Number (mobile or home) _____

Email _____

Current School _____ Phone _____

Name of School Principal _____

☐ This student has been confirmed by the school as an eligible candidate to receive this scholarship.**Principal's Signature** _____**Date** _____**Provide name and contact details of referee**

Name _____ Position _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Check that you have included the following documents to complete your application –

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ Response to selection criteria
- ☐ Reference from Principal / Other

Student to indicate which account the scholarship is to be applied to – (tick one box only)

- ☐ General Fees Account (includes accommodation and/or miscellaneous expenses)
- ☐ Tuition Account

Any changes must be made in writing to Student Finance before Census date.

Signature _____ Date _____

To apply go to www.avondale.edu.au