

Avondale University

Cross-Cultural Community Engagement Prize



Purpose of the Prize

The award is known as the Cross-Cultural Community Engagement Prize (est. 2003 as the Overseas Volunteer Service Prize). It is granted each year to a student (or group of students) that has volunteered in a cross-cultural setting. The prize is to encourage, acknowledge, and celebrate the contribution of Avondale University student volunteers, and enhance the "Avondale experience".

Selection Criteria

The prize will be awarded to students who:

1. Are enrolled in a Diploma, Undergraduate or Post-graduate course at Avondale;
2. Have participated in domestic (D/CE) or international community engagement (I/CE) in an exemplary manner;
3. Show commitment to cross-cultural understanding and collaboration;
4. Exercise leadership of fellow students or community members;
5. Demonstrate a commitment to Avondale's values and ethos;
6. Undertake short-term or long-term volunteer experiences with Seventh-day Adventist entities such as ADRA, Adventist Volunteer Services, One Mission, Ministry of Teaching Overseas (MOTO) or other entities approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Note: the annual prize may be awarded to more than one individual where two equally deserving students qualify in a given year, or where a group demonstrates their eligibility. In such cases, the prize of \$500 will be split equally.

Administration of the Prize

Administration of the prize is guided by the following:

1. The Executive Officer (Academic) requests prize nominations from members of staff involved in volunteer or service activities in the given year.
2. Staff will nominate prize recipients by sending them to the Executive Officer including a statement that outlines how the nominee has fulfilled the prize criteria.
3. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and the Executive Officer review the nominations and a prize winner/s is chosen and presented to the Learning and Teaching Committee held in October for final approval.

Sponsorship

The prize is sponsored and funded by the late Marion and Cyril Youlden, and Anna Rieger. It is drawn from a \$10,500 establishment fund (2003) managed by Avondale University; annual disbursements are funded by accruing interest and/or supplements. The prize shall be provided in the form of a prepaid gift card valued at \$500, accompanied by a commemorative certificate.

Presentation of Prize

The prize will be presented during the year-end graduation ceremony. Prize recipients who are not graduating in the current year will receive their prize at the Welcome to Avondale ceremony at the commencement of the next academic year.

Citation

The Avondale University
CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRIZE
is presented in recognition of having:
impacted people's lives beneficially through unselfish service in cross-cultural contexts,
demonstrated enthusiasm for Christ-like leadership and skills in service to others,
enhanced Avondale University's Community Engagement program.
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and is awarded to
[name of recipient]