

AVONDALE INTERNATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Avondale is committed to nurturing students who excel in academic achievement, music and fine arts, mission outreach, sporting achievement and student leadership. Two International Merit Scholarships are available to international students who qualify and enrol in one of Avondale's undergraduate or Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.

DETAILS

The Avondale International Merit Scholarship is worth \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester) for the first year of study and \$1,500 (\$750 per semester) in each successive year in an undergraduate or Vocational Education and Training (VET) course to a maximum of \$6,500.

CRITERIA

This scholarship is available to students commencing an undergraduate or VET course. Applicants must have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 (scale of 4) or equivalent and excel in at least one of the following areas: school leadership, music performance or fine arts, sportsmanship and sporting achievements, spiritual mentoring, worship leadership, volunteer support roles or community/mission outreach.

CONDITIONS

- 1 The scholarship is available to new students who do not live in Australia, New Zealand or the South Pacific/Oceania region and who do not have citizenship or permanent resident status in any of the territories within this region;
- 2 Applicants must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.5 (scale of 4) or equivalent. For high school leavers this level refers to the final year of high school and for college or university students the level applies to the semester or quarter prior to enrolling at Avondale. Evaluation of an equivalent achievement level in other countries will be at the discretion of Avondale's Academic Registrar. An authorised copy of the applicant's academic transcript is required to confirm the GPA;
- 3 The successful applicant will excel in at least one of the following areas: school leadership, music performance or fine arts, sporting achievements, spiritual mentoring, worship leadership, volunteer support roles or community/mission outreach. A description of achievements in one or more of these activities is to be provided with the application and countersigned by the school principal, guidance counsellor or year advisor;
- 4 Applicants must provide a reference from their school principal/teacher, church or community supervisor validating their achievements;
- 5 The scholarship is not transferable;
- 6 The scholarship cannot be deferred;
- 7 Once the recipient has commenced enrolment at Avondale the scholarship can only be deferred for up to one year. Recipients must notify the Scholarship Office in writing if they wish to defer their scholarship;
- 8 The recipient can only receive benefit from one Avondale funded scholarship per year;
- 9 The scholarship is awarded subject to the applicant meeting normal admission requirements, and will be implemented once all academic enrolment procedures are finalised;
- 10 The semester value of the scholarship will be applied to the recipient's account at enrolment and cannot be redeemed for cash, in part or in whole;
- 11 If the conditions of the scholarship are no longer being met at census date, the scholarship will be discontinued;
- 12 The recipient must undertake a study load of at least 24 credit points (4 units) or equivalent in VET courses, per semester. Any approved cross-institutional study will be included when determining a student's study load for each semester. The scholarship will be discontinued the semester following one in which less than 24 credit points (4 units) are taken; however recipients may apply in writing to the Academic Registrar for special consideration if there is a case of extenuating circumstances;
- 13 Continuance of the scholarship for the second semester of study is contingent on satisfactory academic progress by passing all units;
- 14 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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APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Applications are to be submitted on the International Merit Scholarship Application form, and no later than enrolment for Semester 1 or Semester 2;
- 2 Applicants must submit official verification of their GPA or equivalent for the period immediately preceding intended enrolment at Avondale as soon as practicable after those results are published;
- 3 Applicants must submit a description of involvement in service and leadership activities and achievements in school, church and/or community along with the application;
- 4 Applicants must attach a reference from their school principal/teacher, church or community supervisor validating their achievements;
- 5 In some cases Avondale will contact a person who knows the applicant well. Applicants are to provide the name and phone number of two people, such as a school teacher, pastor or employer, who is willing to provide a character reference for them;
- 6 The offer is made subject to all normal admission requirements being met and can be accepted once normal application procedures are complete.

AWARD PROCESS

The Avondale Scholarship Officer will make a conditional offer to successful applicants subject to official confirmation of the recipients' GPA and all academic and residential application requirements being met.

POST, EMAIL OR FAX APPLICATION TO:

Academic Office
Avondale College of Higher Education
PO Box 19
COORANBONG NSW 2265
Australia
Fax: +61 2 4980 2124
Email: academic.office@avondale.edu.au

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP ENQUIRIES

Phone: +61 2 4980 2377 or
1800 991 392 (Australia)
Email: scholarships@avondale.edu.au
Web: www.avondale.edu.au

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Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Phone Number (mobile or home) _____

Email _____

School/University _____

School contact phone number _____

Year at school/university _____

Principal _____

Principal's signature _____ Date _____

GPA (or equivalent) _____ Academic Period of GPA _____

☐ Tick to confirm that you have included a copy of your academic transcript.

Referee 1

Name _____ Position _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Referee 2

Name _____ Position _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please indicate which account you would like your scholarship applied to – (tick one box only)

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

☐ Tuition Account

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

Signature _____ Date _____

☐ Tick to confirm that you have submitted an application to study at Avondale.