

Please follow the instructions for each step and complete each section as requested. You can fill this form on your computer, save it and email it, or print it and complete it by hand.

STEP 1 To be completed by all applicants

Personal information

First names		Preferred name	
Surname / family name		Gender	Title
Contact phone number in New Zealand	Date of birth (dd / mm / yyyy)	Citizenship	
Avondale student number (assigned during the enrolment process)			
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Application details *tick one*

- ☐ This is a first-time application. Please complete the full application form.
- ☐ This is a re-application. Please skip through to Step 3 unless your contact details have changed in the past year.

STEP 2 To be completed by new applicants or by re-applicants whose details have changed

New Zealand residential address

Street address	
Postcode	Email address

Church relationship

Are you a baptised member of the Adventist Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date / year of baptism

Church where your membership is held Name of the local church you attend

How active are you currently in your local Seventh-day Adventist Church? Select one.

☐ Not at all ☐ I participate and attend on occasion

☐ I am a regular participant and attender ☐ I am active in church leadership

Previously completed academic qualifications *including secondary school*

DIPLOMA / DEGREE AWARDED	INSTITUTION / SCHOOL	YEAR AWARDED

STEP 3 To be completed by all applicants

Proposed course of study in 2027 questions about completed units are for re-applications only

Name of course of study	Anticipated graduation year

Normal duration of course (in years): ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

Units to be attempted in 2027	Successful units to date	Unsuccessful units	Units pending outcome

Previous sponsorships from NZPUC

YEAR	COURSE OF STUDY	NUMBER OF SUBJECTS / UNITS FUNDED

Sponsorships for this course from other sources

YEAR	SOURCE OF SPONSORSHIP (SPONSORED BY)	NUMBER OF SUBJECTS / UNITS FUNDED

Australian contact details

Australian mobile phone number	Australian email

Accommodation details: while studying at Avondale, I will be living (select one)

- ☐ In Avondale residences
 ☐ In Avondale married quarters
☐ Off-campus in Australia
 ☐ In New Zealand

CSP / HECS funding Commonwealth Supported Place. Select one option

- ☐ I am a full fee-paying student
 ☐ My subjects are CSP funded
 ☐ Not known at this time

STEP 4 To be completed by all applicants

Please note the following *acknowledge each statement with a tick*

- ☐ Receipt of this assistance in any particular year does not guarantee continued assistance in subsequent years.
- ☐ Receipt of this assistance does not guarantee the recipient employment upon graduation.
- ☐ The NZPUC will closely monitor the progress of all scholarship recipients and request academic transcripts directly from Avondale University each semester.

Declarations *acknowledge each declaration with a tick*

- ☐ I affirm that I have read the information provided with this application form and that I meet the applicable eligibility criteria as specified, and
- ☐ I accept that by receiving this scholarship I am bonded to return to New Zealand and work for the Church, if offered a position, for one year for each year that this assistance is received, and
- ☐ I agree to repay the assistance received if I am not able to fulfil the bonding requirements as per the terms of this scholarship, and
- ☐ I affirm the information provided above is accurate and complete in all respects.
- ☐ I agree that a nominee of the NZPUC be given access to my academic transcript at Avondale University each semester.

Signature

Applicant's signature (type your full name, or sign by hand after printing)

Date completed

STEP 5 To be completed by new applicants only

Confidential referee from your local church

Please nominate a church leader from your local church who will act as a confidential referee on your behalf. We will contact the individual for a confidential discussion.

Nominee's name

Nominee's mobile number

Nominee's position in local church

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☐ Proceed with application

☐ Proceed with caution

☐ Do not proceed

Comment

STEP 6 **To be completed by the NZPUC Ministry Leader**
after interview with all applicants

Confidential recommendation from NZPUC Ministry Leader *office use only*

Name of Ministry Leader

Date of interview

Duration (minutes)

Nature of interview



Face to face



Telephone only



Zoom

Comments

Recommendation



Proceed with application



Proceed with caution



Do not proceed

STEP 7 **All applications should be sent to the NZPUC**

Emailed to

kheirboutros@adventist.org.nz

or mailed to

The Secretary Treasurer, NZPUC
Private Bag 94200
Howick 2145, New Zealand

Student email address formula: **S** _____ **@avondale.edu.au**, where the initial **S** is followed by the student number assigned at the onset of the enrolment process.

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Procedural steps

Received by Secretary Treasurer / designate

Endorsed by Minister

Approved / declined by ADCOM

Applicant advised (if unsuccessful)

Avondale advised

Contact record with student

DATE AND PHONE / EMAIL	CONTACT NAME	DETAILS

The New Zealand Pacific Union Conference (NZPUC) acknowledges that New Zealand students incur additional costs when attending Avondale University. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist New Zealand residents by making an Avondale education more viable and to support the training of prospective denominational workers for the church in New Zealand.

Please note: be sure to read this information carefully, as the conditions differ significantly from earlier forms and this is the only one to use for the 2027 academic year.

Eligibility criteria

1. The applicant must be enrolled or enrolling in undergraduate study at or below a bachelor's level. Bridging courses are not covered by this provision.
2. Applicants must be:
 - a) **New Zealand citizens or residents** with New Zealand **continuing to be their home base**, or
 - b) **dependent children of denominational employees** transferred from Australia to New Zealand **in response to an official call of the Church**.
3. The applicant must demonstrate a commitment to Christ and to the mission and teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This includes regular attendance and appropriate involvement at their local Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is generally expected that applicants, especially those studying theology, will have signified their commitment to Christ and the Seventh-day Adventist Church through baptism.
4. Applicants, other than students who are dependents of denominational employees transferred from Australia, **must be intending and available to return to denominational employment in New Zealand following the completion of their qualification and work one year for each year assistance is received**.
5. While, in the past, the scholarship has been limited to those studying undergraduate courses, from the second semester of 2025 applications have been accepted from those enrolled in the two-year MMin program, which requires a prior degree but is, at the same time, an entry-level pathway for aspirant ministers.

Terms

1. This assistance is granted on an annual basis. The receipt of assistance in any year does not guarantee that this assistance will continue for the applicant's remaining years of study. This assistance must be applied for each year.
2. For 2027, the value of the scholarship will be calculated as **twenty percent of the course fee**.
3. The sponsorship will not exceed the maximum number of units required for the completion of the chosen course of study. A 3-year degree at 8 units per year has 24 units. A 4-year degree has 32.
4. **The scholarship is not available for subjects that are withdrawn or repeated.** The applicant must remain enrolled in each subject unit for which support is given throughout the semester. It is the responsibility of the student to report any withdrawal or repeat to the Secretary Treasurer of the NZPUC.
5. Re-applications for funding are carefully evaluated each semester, as we receive the transcripts directly from Avondale University (see the declarations for details).
6. The scholarship granted will be credited to the student's account and offset against fees, and the corresponding charge sent through to the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference.
7. Successful applications cannot be deferred. Annual re-application will be necessary.
8. Applications should be submitted to reach the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference Secretary Treasurer before **Monday, 1 February 2027** at the very latest. Late applications will be considered at the discretion of the Secretary Treasurer for Semester Two. Applications for Semester 2 must be submitted to reach the NZPUC before **Monday, 5 July 2027**.

New Zealand Students' Scholarship 2027

Avondale University

Information for New Zealand students attending Avondale University

9. Applicants and re-applicants are asked to nominate a referee and may expect to be interviewed by a senior member of the NZPUC ministry team as part of the continuous monitoring of progress. Early applications would be appreciated.
10. The New Zealand Pacific Union Conference is responsible for authorising all applications for the scholarship and shall notify both the applicant and Avondale University of the approval.
11. Except for students who are dependents of denominational employees transferred from Australia:
 - a) Scholarship recipients who decline a call to serve in New Zealand, or in the case of teachers decline a request by the Director of Education to apply for and accept a job offer, will be required to reimburse the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference the total value of assistance received.
 - b) Those who leave denominational employment in New Zealand prior to serving the equivalent number of years for which this assistance was received will be required to reimburse the New Zealand Pacific Union Conference on a pro rata basis.

Process

1. Applications will usually be processed within 2 weeks after the advertised closing date.
2. Details of successful applications will be provided directly to Avondale University.
3. Applicants will be formally notified in writing.
4. Applications should be emailed to **kheirboutros@adventist.org.nz**, or mailed to: Secretary Treasurer, NZPUC, Private Bag 94200, Howick 2145.