

DAVID DOWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Avondale Seminary offers the David Down Memorial Scholarship each year to encourage and recognise a student enrolled in the first year of a ministry or theology degree course at Avondale University who has a passion and a gift for communicating the gospel but cannot access Australian government loan scheme FEE-HELP.

DETAILS

The David Down Memorial Scholarship is worth \$3000. The successful applicant receives \$1500 in their second semester of study and \$1500 in the third semester of study. Avondale will apply the money to the recipient's tuition account each semester. The money for the scholarship comes from the David Down Memorial Scholarship Reserve, which royalties from Pr David Down's books *Unwrapping the Pharaohs*, *The Archaeology Book* and *Unveiling the Kings of Israel* and the Down family funds.

As a student at the Australasian Missionary College in the 1940s, David would cycle into the local community every Sabbath afternoon, knocking on doors, initiating Bible studies and helping out. That zeal stayed with him for more than 50 years in his work as a Seventh-day Adventist minister and evangelist, witnessing to those representing a range of faiths. A former missionary to India, David founded monthly archaeology newsletter *Diggings* and bi-monthly magazine *Archaeological Diggings* in his retirement. He edited both for 20 years. He also recorded weekly archaeology segments for radio and led a monthly archaeology club at Wesley Mission in Sydney. A gifted speaker, David presented many archaeology-based evangelistic programs, including one in the Sydney Opera House, and Adventist Media's *Digging up the Past* video and Bible-study series. He died on March 16, 2018, only three weeks short of his 100th birthday.

ELIGIBILITY

The David Down Memorial Scholarship is available to all Australian permanent residents, New Zealand citizens (excluding special category visa holders) or New Zealand permanent residents enrolled in the first year of a ministry or theology degree course at Avondale.

CONDITIONS

The David Down Memorial Scholarship is awarded subject to the recipient by the first day of classes in a semester:

- Meeting normal requirements for direct admission preferably as a full-time student or, at the discretion of the Avondale Seminary Head, as a part-time student into a ministry or theology degree course at Avondale;
- Agreeing to give permission for Student Finance Services to verify their eligibility;
- Completing the David Down Memorial Scholarship Application Form, and;
- Completing a successful interview with the Avondale Seminary Head and a member of the seminary's Church Ministry Strand, who will include on the panel a member of the Down family, if available.

MANAGEMENT

The Head of School, Avondale Seminary, will choose a recipient for the David Down Memorial Scholarship on the recommendation of the interview panel. Student Finance Services will apply the semester value of the David Down Memorial Scholarship to the recipient's tuition account after census date.

CRITERIA

Applicants for the David Down Memorial Scholarship must:

- Demonstrate commitment to communicating the gospel and skills as a communicator.

Recipients of the David Down Memorial Scholarship must:

- Participate in a donor–recipient acknowledgement process initiated by Avondale;
- Maintain an academic status of good standing (which, for a full-time student, means passing at least three units per semester), and;
- Maintain 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.)

Recipients of the David Down Memorial Scholarship cannot:

- Redeem the scholarship for cash (except if the recipient is named on the graduation list and their account is in credit after meeting all charges—which may have taxation implications), and;
- Transfer or defer the scholarship.

APPLICATION DETAILS

- Applicants must complete all sections of the application, and;
- Applicants must supply the required supporting documentation as outlined in section 1.

EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

Avondale Seminary

Email: seminary@avondale.edu.au

AVONDALE SEMINARY ENQUIRIES

Phone: +61 2 4980 2232

Email: seminary@avondale.edu.au

OTHER STUDENT FINANCE SERVICES ENQUIRIES

Phone: +61 2 4980 2108

Email: studentfinance@avondale.edu.au

DAVID DOWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

INTERVIEW PREREQUISITE

How would you demonstrate your commitment to communicating the gospel?

How would you demonstrate skills as a communicator?

Provide details of a local church minister or a community or school leader who is willing to supply a reference on your behalf.

Full Name: _____

Phone (Mobile): _____

Relationship to you: _____