

Ministry Scholarships at Emmanuel Church

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in Ministry Scholarships at Emmanuel Anglican Church, Glenhaven. Our church loves supporting young adults and believes in partnering with young people as they train for gospel ministry.

We recognise that, especially with rising costs of living, young people who are engaged in full-time theological education and/or ministry traineeships are facing a number of financial challenges.

This scholarship is not a salary or a stipend.¹ But it is our hope that this scholarship will enable young people to focus on their ministry and training, rather than being concerned about rental costs, petrol, and other expenses.

Our prayer is this scholarship will be a blessing to young people, but also a blessing to Emmanuel Church Family as we partner with you in your gospel ministry.

"I am so thankful to be a part of Emmanuel Church. As a church family they have invested in me and supported me in a number of different ways, this scholarship being one of them!"

Annaliese, Camping Ministry Trainee

What does a recipient receive?

A recipient of a Ministry Scholarship will receive either a part-scholarship (\$2500 PA) or a full scholarship (\$5000 PA).

The scholarship is awarded for one year and, depending on whether their circumstances have changed, they may apply to receive the scholarship for a second year. Upon successfully being awarded a scholarship for a second time, that person is no longer eligible to apply for an Emmanuel Church scholarship for a third year.

These payments will be made quarterly to your nominated bank account and may be used for any practical need. How you use specifically the funds is up to you! We trust you to use the money responsibly.

Please note that this is not part-time employment "pretending" to be a scholarship. The only requirements are outlined below. Whilst they would be very welcome to do so, a recipient of the scholarship is not required to participate in formal ministry at Emmanuel Church. We recognise that every person's circumstances (including gifts, capacity, other responsibilities etc) and so, whilst each mature Christian is called to serve, that will look different according to each individual's particular context. Your focus must remain your primary training/study.

¹ Many churches, including Emmanuel Church, pay their staff a stipend rather than a salary. The principle of a stipend is highlighted by Canon Phil Colgan when he writes, "a wage is a payment for services rendered... a stipend on the other hand is paid to cover my living expenses so that I am free from the burden of having to earn a wage... I am paid enough so that my time is liberated for ministry." <https://www.australianchurchrecord.net/winter-2020-journal/>

Who is eligible to be a recipient?

To qualify for a scholarship an applicant must be a member of Emmanuel Church who:

- Is a mature Christian person
- Has a demonstrated record of servant-hearted gospel ministry
- Is experiencing significant financial need
- Is under 30 years old at the time the first scholarship is awarded
- Is engaged in a full-time ministry traineeship or full-time theological study
- Has not been a recipient of the Emmanuel Church Scholarship on two previous occasions (in short, you can't apply for a third year!).

Please note that a person may be a new member of Emmanuel Church but, of course, in such circumstances that person would need to commit themselves to being an active member of Emmanuel Church and we would request references from their previous church.

What is the application process?

An application form is attached to this information sheet. Essentially we need three things.

1. Confirmation of all your details (how old you are, where are you studying etc)
2. References outlining your Christian character and history of servant hearted ministry
3. A broad description of your financial need (eg income and expenses)

Please note that, whilst we are describing the fund as a scholarship because this is the simplest "plain english" description, technically it is a necessitous circumstances fund (a fund to assist people in financial need). This means that the Australian Tax Office *requires* us to "consider other sources of income and assets, such as super, insurance and compensation." In short, we have to ask you what money you have/receive and what your needs are. The ATO are not asking us to be nosy, but to be wise in making sure that we provide support to those persons who are most in need.

To make life a little easier, we've attached a sample application form.

Please return the application form *at your earliest convenience but please note that we will be conducting our first round of interviews in late January and once the full number of available scholarships for the year has been awarded, no further applications will be received.*

Once we receive your application, if you meet the criterion outlined above we will invite you for a (very friendly) interview with the Senior Minister of Emmanuel Church and a representative from Emmanuel Church. We'll shout you a coffee, hear a little of your story, pray for you and hopefully encourage you as a young Christian!

If you've been successful we'll let you know in writing and away we go! Please note that we may elect not to award a scholarship if the number of suitable applicants exceeds the number of available scholarships or if we conclude that the application(s) we received do not meet the criterion above.

So, if you're keen. And we hope you are! Please fill in the application form below and get it back to us.

Yours in gospel partnership,

Hayden

Senior Minister, Emmanuel Anglican Church, Glenhaven

Application Form for Emmanuel Church Scholarship

Please return to hayden@emmanuelchurch.org.au

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Email address: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Please tick to confirm the following

Yes, I am engaged in full-time theological study/full time ministry traineeship. Please provide details below:

Name of institution	Course of study/training undertaken
_____	_____
Supervisor name	Supervisor role
_____	_____
Supervisor's phone	Supervisor's email
_____	_____

Yes, I understand that if I no longer meet the criterion for the scholarship (eg if you withdraw from study/training or no longer attend Emmanuel Church) future payments may not be awarded.

Yes, I am a Christian person. If you want a handy summary of the Christian Faith have a look at the AFES (Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students) here: <https://afes.org.au/doctrinal-basis/>

In a paragraph or two, please describe your experience of becoming a Christian

Please outline any ministries you've served in previously (eg lunchtime groups at school, uni groups, beach missions, children's ministry etc) including your role and the duration of your ministry (eg 2019-2020).

Please describe what you find hard about serving in gospel ministry (whether paid and full-time or voluntary) and what you find rewarding about it?

If you have not been at Emmanuel Church for more than twelve months please provide the contact details of the Minister/Pastor at the church which you have been attending most recently.

Name of Church

Duration of attendance (eg 2013-2023)

Minister's Name

Minister's Mobile

Minister's email

Please also attach a written reference from the Minister or another respected person within the congregation who has first hand experience of your Christian character and ministry and is not a member of your immediate family.

Please tick *only one* of the following boxes

I am applying for a part scholarship of \$2500 PA

I am applying for a full scholarship of \$5000 PA

Please tick to confirm the following

I have not been a recipient of the Emmanuel Church Scholarship on two or more previous occasions

Please outline your main sources of support/income (eg Family, Austudy, CRU Summit training allowance etc)

Please outline your primary areas of financial need

Please provide any other comments (this is entirely optional)

Name: -----

Signed: -----

Date: -----

SAMPLE Application Form for Emmanuel Church Scholarship

Name: Joseph Peterson

DOB: 01/01/2003

Email address: JPHifi@gmail.org.nz

Mobile Phone Number: 555-555-555

Please tick to confirm the following

Yes, I am engaged in full-time theological study/full time ministry traineeship. Please provide details below:

Name of institution	Course of study/training undertaken
Youthworks College	Adv. Dip. Theology
Supervisor name	Supervisor role
Rev. Michael Dicker	Principal
Supervisor's phone	Supervisor's email
777-777-777	mike.dicker@youthworks.net

Yes, I understand that if I no longer meet the criterion for the scholarship (eg if you withdraw from study/training or no longer attend Emmanuel Church) future payments may not be awarded.

Yes, I am a Christian person. If you want a handy summary of the Christian Faith have a look at the AFES (Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students) here: <https://afes.org.au/doctrinal-basis/>

In a paragraph or two, please describe your experience of becoming a Christian person.

I became a Christian when I was invited to a primary school kids' club. I had friends there and the leaders welcomed me. We played a lot of handball and they explained the gospel. I remember realising that I needed forgiveness and that Jesus offered it. I didn't understand atonement super well then, but I knew that Jesus could forgive me so I decided to become a Christian then. I haven't looked back.

Please outline any ministries you've served in previously (eg lunchtime groups at school, uni groups, beach missions, children's ministry etc) including your role and the duration of your ministry (eg 2019-2020).

Chapel Team, St Andrews Cathedral School (2017-2018), Teacher Sunday School (different ages) (2017 to present), EU Bible Study Leader (2021-2023), Music Ministry at church (2019 to present).

Please describe what you find hard about serving in gospel ministry (whether paid and full-time or voluntary) and what you find rewarding about it?

I find it hard to stay on top of the admin side of things (replying to emails etc). I love talking with people and seeing them "get the gospel". I find it hard to explain to my parents (who like church but aren't regular church goers) why I'm training for ministry.

If you have not been at Emmanuel Church for more than twelve months please provide the contact details of the Minister/Pastor at the church which you have been attending most recently.

Name of Church	Duration of attendance (eg 2013-2023)	
Parramatta Presbyterian	2020-2023	
Minister's Name	Minister's Mobile	Minister's email
Brian Daboll	999-999-999	Daboll@pressiesarethebest.org.fj

Please also attach a written reference from the Minister or another respected person within the congregation who has first hand experience of your Christian character and ministry and is not a member of your immediate family.

Please tick *only one* of the following boxes

- I am applying for a part scholarship of \$2500 PA
- I am applying for a full scholarship of \$5000 PA

Please tick to confirm the following

- I have not been a recipient of the Emmanuel Church Scholarship on two or more previous occasions

Please outline your main sources of support/income (eg Family, Austudy, CRU Summit training allowance etc)

My family support me, but my Dad is a teacher and my mum is an early childhood educator and we have a big family so we're not super cashed up. I work part-time at St Andrew's Cathedral School on Tuesday afternoons helping with coaching.

Please outline your primary areas of financial need

I live at home, but pay board and I don't have access to a family car. I've recently bought a 2009 Camry. It's economical but the fuel costs, servicing and repair costs, rego etc all add up. A little extra income would take the pressure off.

Please provide any other comments (this is entirely optional)

I'm hoping to serve at Emmanuel Church in some way, maybe music at 6pm church as it's difficult for me to get here on Sunday mornings. If someone else needs the money more than I do, give it to them!

Name: Joseph Peterson

Signed: *Joseph Peterson*

Date: 31/12/2023