



Scholarship Prospectus 2010-2011





Youth Vision Western Australia

Training & Development Assistance Programme 2010

Introduction

The Youth Vision Training and Development Assistance Programme is an initiative of the Youth Vision ministry network of Churches of Christ WA. The purpose of this programme is to facilitate the training and development of youth ministry workers.

2010 Intake

Applications are now called for scholarship funding for 2010. The aims of this programme are to assist youth ministry leaders and volunteers gain valuable ministry skills that will help them to build effective youth ministries within their local church.

Successful applicants will be encouraged to apply for Cert IV (ACTIVATE), Diploma or Degree level training including Youth Ministry Training units at ACOM or other suitable Ministry Training Institute.

Successful applicants will be provided with networking opportunities within Youth Vision and will be encouraged to participate in Youth Vision endorsed events and training opportunities.

Criteria for Application

Applicants must demonstrate a belief that God is calling them into ministry with youth and families. Ideally, they should also have demonstrated some aptitude and commitment within youth ministry within their local church. In addition, the following specific criteria must be met:

- Be committed to being fully involved in the youth ministry of your church for a 1 year period, 2010.
- Undertake or commence part or full time study.
- Part funding will be provided for study with the expectation that the course or units are completed with a pass grade or higher during 2010.
- Where possible, be an active participant in programs conducted by Youth Vision WA.

Criteria for Local Church Application

As part of Youth Vision's objective to build a sustainable ministry at the local church level, the church must demonstrate support of youth and family ministry. Specific criteria that must be met include:

- ◆ The church agrees to a One-year appointment of an individual (with a 6 month review) on either a voluntary basis or as a staff appointment.
- ◆ The church agrees to meet the requirements of the college at which their student enrolls for study.
- ◆ The church will commit to ensuring the applicant receives counsel and direction for future ministry directions.
- ◆ The church will encourage and support Youth Vision's mission and activities.

Application Process

The Youth Vision Executive Team, through a formal process of application, will consider all applicants and make final decisions based on the criteria outlined below and in an interview process.

Individuals should complete the application form, with a covering letter that includes a statement against the listed selection criteria, including a brief statement on the commitment of the local church to all the conditions that have been set. Then send to Youth Vision by the closing date.

Closing Date

Applications for scholarship funding **close by January 30th, 2010.**

Application Mailings

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Any further enquiries can be made to Rod Thom on 9313 1600 or by email, rod@spcc.org.au.

Scholarship Application

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____ DOB: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Email: _____

Work Status (circle): Part Time / Full Time / Unemployed / Student

Marital Status (circle): Never Married / Married / Divorced / Separated

Church: _____

Possible Ministry Supervisor?: _____

Briefly describe how you became a Christian (include approx. dates):

How would you describe your current spiritual walk?

What accountability for your spiritual walk do you have?

How do you handle confrontation or conflict?

Are there any issues or concerns in your life right now that may impact your commitment and involvement in the youth ministry at your church (i.e. relationships, other commitments, etc.)?

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

How long have you attended your church? _____ Are you a Member? Yes / No

What other ministry / church experiences have you been involved in?

Are you currently involved in any other areas of ministry at your church or elsewhere?

What spiritual gifts do you feel you have? How could they be used in this ministry?

Why do you want to work in youth ministry?

What previous experience or education have you had that may be useful in this ministry?

Please provide the names of two people to act as your referees. These people may be contacted by telephone and/or asked to complete a written reference.

1) Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Church (if applicable): _____

2) Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Church (if applicable): _____

Please ensure that you sign this application AND the person who will oversee you at your church if you are successful in obtaining a scholarship.

Applicant

Date: _____

Church Ministry Supervisor

Date: _____

YOUTH VISION SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

The Intern

1. Opportunity to integrate knowledge with hands-on experience in ministry to youth and families.
2. Increased responsibility and maturity in interpersonal affairs.
3. Discovery and development of helpful attitudes, beliefs, and skills as well as discovery and treatment of unhelpful elements.
4. Guidance and protection under seasoned ministry supervisors.

Ministry Supervisor

The enriching experience of developing emerging ministry leaders through a Paul-Timothy relationship.

SCHOLARSHIP ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES

The Student

1. Be a learner:
 - Be diligent in application to study commitments.
 - Grow and development in your knowledge and awareness of your local church community and the wider community in which you serve.
2. Be loyal.
 - To your church and its leadership.
3. Be trustworthy.
 - One of the most necessary lessons of ministry leadership is keeping confidences.
 - Minister responsibly to the needs of others.
4. Be hospitable - Make every effort to maintain positive and constructive relationships with the ministry's leaders. Take the initiative in requesting supervisory conferences. Be sensitive to time and opportunity.
5. Be diligent
 - Make sure you understand your assigned duties, limitations, and responsibilities.
 - Plan your work and schedule in advance.
 - Keep in touch with your ministry supervisor and the Youth Vision Team.
6. Be a good example.

Maintain appropriate decorum in speech, dress, manner and relationships. Maintain your devotional time with God, and be sensitive to the working of the Holy Spirit in your everyday life.
7. Maintain a journal of field experiences: programs, planned, services conducted, talks, sermons, anecdotes, failures, and successes (the journal can become a personal source of inspiration and encouragement as well as crucial to the development of your Ministry).

The Ministry Supervisor

Ministry supervisors who cooperate in the Scholarship Programme fulfill a unique place in the life of the placement. Such leaders become extensions of the Youth Vision Team. In this role, the Youth Vision Team ask the supervisor to:

1. Provide a structured program (as much as possible) for the Student. Ensure that the Student has a clearly defined role and performance expectations within the designated youth ministry of the church.
2. Meet regularly with the Student for exchange of ideas and for guidance.
3. Encourage the Student to maintain a consistent, disciplined devotional life.
4. Help the Student set and pursue reasonable goals.
5. Help the Student plan skillfully (with special attention to being proactive).
6. Demonstrate the highest standards of ministry.
7. Be sensitive to the Student's individual needs.
8. Return the evaluation forms promptly to the Youth Vision Team both half-way through the programme and upon completion of the programme.

Assessment

The Youth Vision Leadership Team will use the following criteria to determine course completion:

1. Faithfulness and productivity throughout the units of study.
2. Completion of the Youth Vision Integration Report.
3. Mid-Point and Final Evaluations by ministry supervisor.

SUGGESTED LIST OF EXPERIENCES

Consider the following items as a beginning point for selecting activities in which to involve the Student. The ministry supervisor is at liberty to amend this list as needed. The objective is to involve the Student in as many aspects of the youth ministry as possible given that ministry's unique local context. It is the responsibility of the Student to remind the ministry supervisor of those situations or tasks not yet experienced but proposed at the beginning of the Internship. Consider the following experiences:

1. Administration (Procedures for Recruiting, Developing, and Managing youth ministry workers; Orientation to organizational structure; Meetings - Involve the Intern regularly and as often as possible in organized meetings)
2. Vocational Ministry (Youth Sermon/lesson preparation Coordination of Evangelistic outreaches etc).
3. Miscellaneous: There are many activities that are important in the overall life of a youth ministry leader. In addition to the Student's responsibilities, there should be opportunity for the ministry supervisor to discuss some of the significant problems that are inherent to life in youth ministry leadership.

General Format for the Scholarship Integration Report

The purpose of a placement participating in an educational programme is to test classroom concepts in a real-life situation and to report on the results of the classroom/hands-on experience. The format is to be seen as skeletal and is usually sufficient for Scholarship reports. It is advisable to keep a daily/weekly log of all activities. Waiting until the end of the Scholarship to begin the report could mean the loss of important information for future work as well as for your report.

- The report should include other materials such as photos, etc. that would enhance the impact of this learning experience.
- The report should be presented to the Scholarship Ministry Supervisor. The copy will be evaluated by a nominated person from the Youth Vision Leadership Team.

Report Format Outline

1. Title Page
2. Background – A brief history and background of the ministry situation
3. Primary Ministry – include a job description along with any other activities/tasks.
4. Professional Development – Reflect on the adequacy of these activities to ‘move you along’ in ministry as well as any other issue related to this heading.
5. Reading Reflection. What texts did you find most helpful or inspiring through your study? List two or three ideas that came from your interaction with texts that you have – or intend to put into your ministry context.
6. Spiritual Reflection – Report on your spiritual journey during this period, especially as it relates to keeping a robust and healthy spirituality in the midst of ministry chaos.
7. Challenges – Reflect on some of the challenges that you faced during your placement (may be professional, spiritual, economic, etc.).
8. Successes – Reflect on some of the successes that you enjoyed during your placement (may be professional, spiritual, economic, etc.).
9. Sorting it All Out – In this section you will reflect on two key questions: “How did this help my calling?” and “Where Do I Go From Here?”