



Scholarship Prospectus 2012

Kids Vision Western Australia

Training & Development Assistance Programme 2012-13

Introduction

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

This programme is operated on behalf of Kids Vision WA by Youth Vision WA.

2012 Intake

Applications are now called for scholarship funding for 2012-13. The aims of this programme are to assist children's ministry leaders and volunteers gain valuable ministry skills that will help them to build effective children's ministries within their local church.

Successful applicants will be encouraged to apply for Cert IV, Diploma or Degree level training at one of the following colleges offering Children's Ministry Training courses:

- ACOM/Activate
- Vose Seminary
- Harvest West College
- Bible College of WA
- Other Institution (by negotiation).

Criteria for Application

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

- Be committed to being fully involved in the children's ministry of your church for a 2 year period. That is, 2012 to 2013.
- Undertake or commence part or full time study in accredited ministry training centre.
- Funding will be provided for up to 2 units of study that are completed with a pass grade or higher during 2012-13.
- Where possible, be an active participant in programs conducted by Kids Vision WA or Youth Vision WA.

Criteria for Local Church Application

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

- ◆ The church agrees to a two-year appointment of an individual (with annual 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 Kids Vision & Youth Vision's missions and activities.

Application Process

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

Churches should lodge an application to Youth Vision making a statement against the criteria that has been listed, including a letter outlining the commitment of the local church to all the conditions that have been set. Two personal referee reports for the individual nominated for the scholarship funding should also be provided.

Closing Date

Applications for scholarship funding ***close by January 30th, 2012.***

Application Mailings

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KIDS VISION SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

The Intern

1. Opportunity to integrate classroom knowledge with hands-on experience in ministry to children 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 Kids 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. In this role, the supervisor is asked 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 children's 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 Team will use the following criteria to determine course completion:

1. Faithfulness and productivity throughout the 2 units of study.
2. Completion of the Kids 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 children's 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 children's ministry workers; Orientation to organizational structure; Meetings - Involve the Intern regularly and as often as possible in organized meetings)
2. Vocational Ministry (Children's Sermon/lesson preparation Coordination of Evangelistic outreaches etc).
3. Miscellaneous: There are many activities that are important in the overall life of a children's 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 children's 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 Internship Ministry Supervisor. The copy will be evaluated by a nominated person from the Youth Vision 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?”