

Multiply Ministry with MTS



**Multiplying Gospel workers
through ministry apprenticeships**

MTS Apprenticeship – Youthworks (Scholarship)

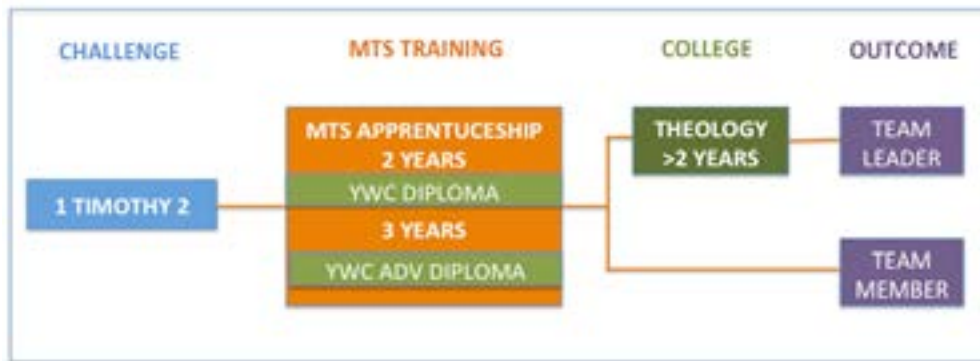


MTS TRAINING PATHWAY

At MTS we think that a ministry training pathway that combines hands-on ministry experience with formal theological education is a great way to train for a lifetime of gospel ministry. That's why we are pleased to endorse our partnership with Youthworks College.

You can now complete a 2 or 3 year apprenticeship, combining hands-on ministry training with theological study at Youthworks College. Upon completion you will be ready to be involved in full-time ministry with youth, children or families, or undertake further theological education.

All pathways provide you with the opportunity to spend 2 or more years in a hands-on ministry apprenticeship – ‘living the life’ of a full-time Gospel Worker.



The MTS curriculum, combined with the specialised training of Youthworks College, is designed to help the apprentice work out how they are wired and where they might plug in to grow God's Kingdom in the future.

Completing an MTS Apprenticeship is a great way to work out a person's suitability for ministry work in the future.

MTS Scholarships

Many churches and other ministries sponsor scholarships to enable students to complete an MTS pathway. All persons seeking to undertake an MTS apprenticeship are encouraged to apply for an "MTS Scholarship" to support them on their journey.

WHAT BEING AN APPRENTICE INVOLVES

"If a person wants to be a farmer long term, they don't start off at Agricultural College as a first port of call. They need to head off first to a farm and work alongside an experienced farmer for a couple of years. They need to live through a couple of cycles of the seasons. They need to know what it is like to deliver lambs in the middle of the night, harvest the grain before it is destroyed by rain and grapple with the blurred boundaries between work and rest."

Ben Pfahlert, MTS Director

The MTS Apprenticeship

Being an MTS Apprentice at Youthworks College involves a two year program combining specialised theological study with the opportunity to gain ministry experience through active participation in evangelism and Bible teaching, all under the leadership of a trainer.

You will do a maximum of 2.5 days theological study, which leaves you free to become deeply immersed in real ministry activities of your church or ministry during the remainder of the week.

Why Youthworks College?

Youthworks College offers specialised training which integrates theological study with the particular cultural and developmental challenges of ministry with children, youth and families.

For more information, visit youthworkscollege.edu.au

What are my options as a Youthworks Graduate?

Youthworks offers both Diploma (2 years) and Advanced Diploma (3 years) programs, accredited by the Australian College of Theology. Both courses allow you to gain employment as a Youth or Children's Minister, Chaplain, SRE teacher or in many other ministry positions. However, if you would like to go on to further study, both programs can provide access straight into second year Moore College or articulate into another ACTh college.

WORKING WITH YOUR TRAINER

MTS' biblical blueprint for ministry training is based on spiritual parenthood... growing children of faith (1 Tim 1:2).

The outcome of the MTS apprenticeship is dependant on the relationship between you and your trainer. As a MTS Apprentice you will be assigned to a workplace (which is a MTS approved training centre) where your MTS accredited trainer will look after you.

Trainers are expected to not just minister 'to' their apprentice but to minister 'with them'. Your trainer will invest into your life and ministry.

In return, you will be asked to commit to the following:

MTS Apprentice's commitment to the Trainer:

- Respect the wisdom and advice of your trainer
- Meet with your trainer (at the agreed times) and to be adequately prepared for each meeting
- Conscientiously attend to your ministry responsibilities and study obligations
- Attend the G8 Conference (National Gathering of Apprentices)

MTS Trainer's commitment to the Apprentice

- Care, guide, teach and walk beside your apprentice through all stages of their spiritual journey
- Provide feedback, encouragement and correction to your apprentice
- Train the apprentice in accordance with the MTS/Youthworks College approved curriculum
- Meet with the apprentice at the frequency agreed upon and for the period of time agreed upon
- Develop detailed Ministry Development Plans for the apprentice every 6 months
- Attend the MTS Training Days and events as required



PASSING THE BATON BY COLIN MARSHALL

A guide for both apprentices and trainers.

What a ministry apprenticeship is about and the resources needed for making ministry apprenticeships happen.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Is an MTS Apprenticeship really a Cadetship?

Yes, but the image of the master-craftsman imparting hard-earned pearls of wisdom to their apprentices, captures the essence of MTS ministry preparation training.

MTS training centres

The MTS training centre is the church or the organisation where the ministry apprenticeship takes place, and needs to provide the apprentice with a trainer for the duration of the apprenticeship and to enfold the apprentice into its community.

The training centre is also responsible for ensuring that you are equipped for all the tasks you will need to carry out, including support raising.

MTS Scholarships

MTS Apprentice Scholarships commence on the 1st January annually and run to 31st December in two years (Diploma qualification). or three years (Advanced Diploma qualification). To ensure that your study program does not encroach upon the 50% of your working week reserved for hands-on ministry experience, we suggested your study program should comprise 3 subjects and 1 ministry intensive in each semester.

Subject to continuing financial support, apprentices who started with a two year scholarship (Diploma) may extend it to three years (Adv. Diploma) at the end of their second year.

Government Assistance

The Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses offered by Youthworks have been approved for Austudy support. Please note that while the course an apprentice may be planning to take may be approved to receive Austudy support, the apprentice must also meet Austudy's eligibility criteria for benefit recipients.

Where an apprentice does not qualify for Austudy support, the training centre has the option to increase the value of the scholarship awarded (this assumes a commensurate increase in financial support for their scholarship).



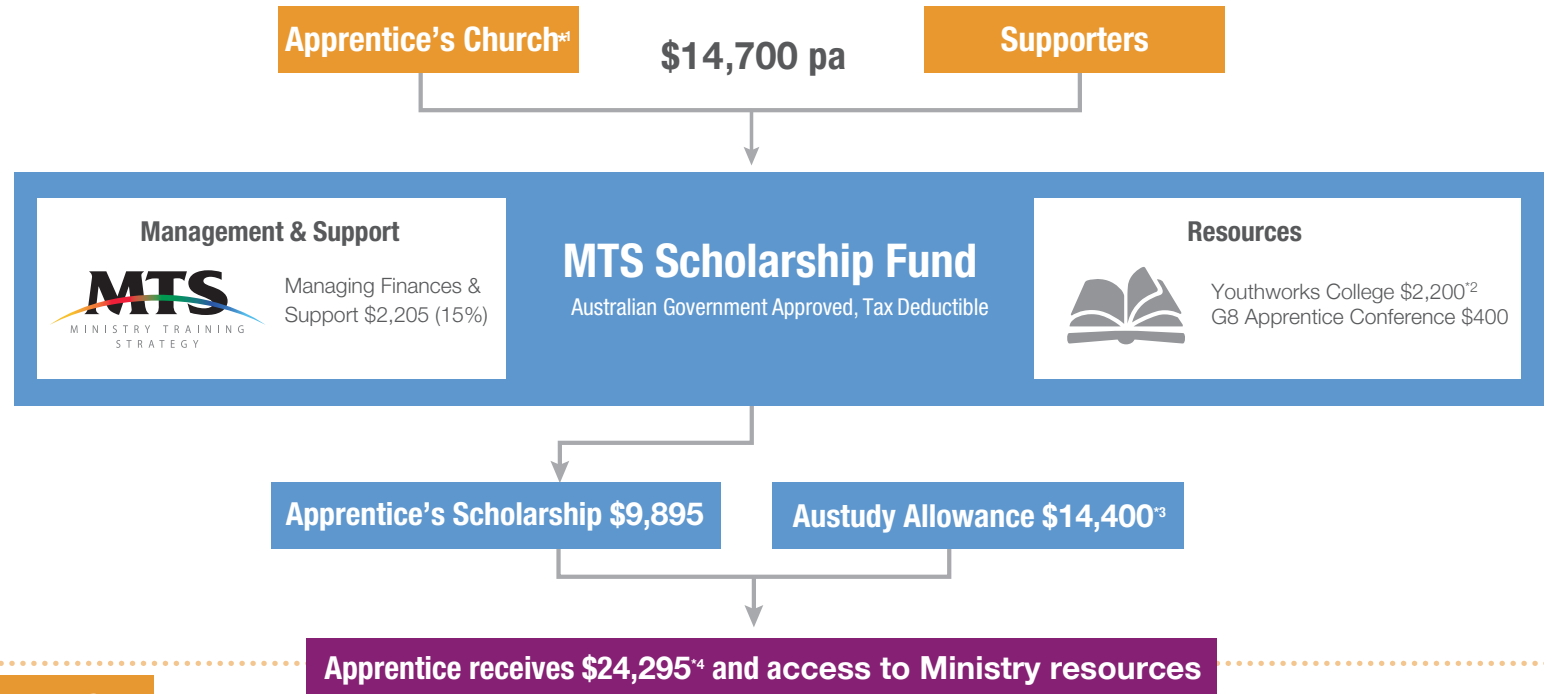
ALL FOR THE KINGDOM BY BEN PFAHLERT & KATIE OMROD

A very practical and realistic tool for those that the Holy Spirit is prompting to pursue full time gospel ministry.

We recommend that if you are considering becoming an MTS Apprentice, read and consider these books.

THE MTS MINISTRY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

YOUR ANNUAL FINANCES AT WORK



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE



*1 Church to fund a \$3,000 refundable Training Bond for each apprentice. A non tax-deductible receipt will be provided to acknowledge payment.

*2 Youthworks Fee ineligible for Fee-Help

*3 Assumes trainee is eligible to receive Centrelink benefits (e.g. Austudy). Benefits for a single student living out of home used in this example.

*4 Assumes eligible Youthworks course fees are charged to Fee-Help.

Moving ahead with MTS and Youthworks



This booklet has been designed to give you a basic understanding as to what it means to become an MTS Trainee (with Youthworks College), and take the first step into full time Christian ministry work.

If you are interested in proceeding further we suggest that you contact MTS and Youthworks College. They will help you to determine the best way to proceed.



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