



General Federation of Women's Clubs

Michigan Education Foundation Scholarship Application

The GFWC Michigan Education Foundation –

- ❖ Was founded in 1985 as a scholarship fund; in 1988 established endowment fund.
- ❖ Funded only by contributions from GFWC MI members and clubs as a 501(c)(3) tax credit
- ❖ Interest generated by the endowment is used exclusively for scholarships for GFWC MI members, for self improvement. It does not have to be for academic work.
- ❖ Interest earned this year provides next year's scholarships; therefore, the amount and number of scholarships granted depend on the funds available. Half of the money is divided equally among the seven districts in the state and the other half according to the number of GFWC members per district.
- ❖ All scholarships are competitive, but all applications will be carefully considered. They are awarded for personal improvement.
- ❖ A GFWC MI member is eligible if she is an active club member in good standing for at least one year.
- ❖ Recipients may receive more than one scholarship, but only one per fiscal year (July 1-June 30).

Procedure – *NEW email option now available*

1. Complete attached application, preferably prior to attending program. Submit brochure or complete description with application via one of the following methods.
 - (a) **Send 6 copies to:** Yo Bellingar
10427 Birch Street
Mecosta, MI 49332
(Phone 231-679-0594)
 - OR**
 - (b) **Forward your application and attachments to your Club President via email.** After her review, she should forward to Ed Foundation Scholarship Chairman, Yulanda (Yo) Bellingar at ybellingar@gmail.com. *By forwarding this to Ed Foundation, your club president affirms that you have been an active club member for the past year and that you have participated in any activities outlined in your application. The forwarding of the email from the applicant and the Club President conveys their electronic signatures.*
2. If time constraints do not permit you to apply prior to attending the program, submit a receipt, copy of the program or other documentation of attendance with the completed application within 60 days of completion of program, but no later than the end of the fiscal year (June 30).
3. Applicants will be notified via email if they have been approved or by mail if no email address is provided. Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.
4. Mark your calendar and complete a thank you note and follow up report via email to the Ed Foundation Scholarship Chairman or, if by mail, to the address above. The report shall describe the benefits obtained and should be submitted within 14 days of completion of your program.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR GFWC MI EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Please print or type information (maximum two pages); may also be typed on an 8.5 x 11 white sheet of paper using the same format.

Name: _____ Today's date: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

GFWC MI Club: _____ District: _____

Type of Educational Activity: _____

By submitting this application, I affirm the following:

1. I have attached a brief list of some of my major activities, services and leadership roles in GFWC and my community.
2. I understand that my club president will affirm that I have been an active member in good standing for one year and that I have participated in the activities outlined in 1 above.
3. On a separate sheet of paper, I have typed or printed a short essay (not exceeding one page) stating the purpose of my continuing education, goals and personal outlook and how this educational activity will impact me, my club and my community, including who it will benefit and how.
4. I have attached a description of the program for which funds will be expended (brochure, if available).
5. If approved, I understand the check will be mailed to me and I am responsible for delivery to the organization providing the class. The check should be made payable to:

6. Notification of my receipt of this scholarship may be mailed to my local paper at:

Email: _____ (if available)

7. If granted a scholarship, I give my permission to use my name in materials that promote the Education Foundation.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant

Applicant and Club President: Please sign if being mailed. If being sent by email, the forwarding indicates electronic signature.

I affirm that the above member has been an active member in good standing for one year and has participated in the activities as outlined in the attachment.

Club President

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