

**General Federation of Women's Clubs – Charlotte**  
**GFWC – Charlotte**

**Member Application Form**

*The objective of GFWC-Charlotte shall be to promote growth and general advancement of women by providing programs pertaining to literature, science, art, and public interest, and to promote lines of public welfare in the community of Charlotte, as well as at district, state, national and international levels.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
(Name) (Home Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City / Zip Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone # - best contact)

am interested in the objective of GFWC-Charlotte and in becoming an ACTIVE member of GFWC-Charlotte, and hereby present my "Member Application Form," a check for \$45.00 (a one-time \$5.00 application fee and \$40.00 yearly club dues) plus a brief (1/2 page in narrative form) biography. Please e-mail your completed application form and interests checklist with your bio directly to Jessica @ *jes\_edel@yahoo.com*. These items are submitted, in accordance with the club bylaws. Upon receiving the \$5.00 application fee with \$40.00 yearly dues, the membership chairperson will then present them to the GFWC Charlotte Board of Directors for action.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Members are expected to attend GFWC Charlotte General Meetings, participate in fundraisers and serve on at least one club committee.**

**Annual dues of \$40.00 cover club operating expenses and GFWC State and National dues.**

**MEMBER PROFILE**

Please complete these items of information to help us to better personalize your request for membership.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Site (or retired) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Previously was member of GFWC: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Club Name, Location & Years)

Children - First Name & Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: Adam ('98), Grace ('01) and three adult stepchildren

**Send your completed application form and brief biography to:**

*jes\_edel@yahoo.com*

Make check for \$45.00 payable to GFWC-Charlotte. Mail fees to:

Jessica Edel,

GFWC- Charlotte Membership Chair

1025 Northway Dr.

Charlotte, MI 48813

*Additional questions, feel free to contact Jessica @ (269) 744-5417 (cell)*

**COMPLETE ATTACHED INTERESTS CHECKLIST, IN FULL**  
**(Please note: the INTEREST CHECKLIST is an additional 2-sided page)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

## **INTERESTS CHECKLIST**

Please check all areas in which you are interested in learning more about and willing to participate. Learn more about these departments and committees during the *New Member Orientation Meeting*. You will receive your completed **INTEREST CHECKLIST** back during the orientation meeting to make additions and changes after you are more informed.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS**

#### **ARTS**

**Arts In the Community:** Encourage members to create and contribute to arts education and activities in all communities.

Chorus

Arts & Crafts

Charlotte Performing Arts Center, CPAC

Mini-Trips

Arts & Nursing Scholarships

**Creative Arts (Photography Contest) categories for members and non-members**

Photography club

#### **CONSERVATION**

**Beautification:** Educate members about the importance and benefits of beautifying their communities.

Downtown Charlotte Flower Urns

Dean Park, pavilion landscaping

**Resource Conservation:** Educate members and communities about the importance of preserving natural resources and stimulate citizen action to address these concerns.

"Kind News"

Green Paper Use

Recycling

#### **EDUCATION**

**Education in the Community:** Promote a commitment to lifelong learning by encouraging members and others to foster and support educational opportunities in their communities.

CHS, Charlotte High School Senior Scholarship

ESO, Epsilon Sigma Omicron

65<sup>th</sup> Annual CHS Senior Tea

Tea & Tomes - Book Club

GFWC MI Education Foundation

MYLeads (Michigan Youth Leadership)

**Focus on Literacy:** Educate members and others about rates of low literacy and stimulate citizen action to address impact and concerns related to literacy.

RIF, Reading Is FUNdamental

"Read To Me" Program – St. Mary's Elementary School

#### **HOME LIFE**

**Helping Hands in the Community:** Educate members and others about organizations that improve the lives of those in need; provide opportunities to offer support.

Mobile Meals Program

Girlstown

Bay Cliff Health Camp

Eaton Special Riding Program

SIREN/Eaton Shelter

Eaton County Medical Care Facility

Courthouse Square Association

**Focus on Health:** Educate members and others about most prevalent medical problems affecting women, and encourage women to adopt methods of optimizing their own physical health and quality of life.

Get up And Move (GAM)

Women's Health

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**HOME LIFE** *continued*

**Focus on Financial Issues:** Educate members and others about the value of and need for financial planning and informed financial decisions.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

**Reaching Out Internationally:** Educate members and communities about global topics and provide opportunities to support and contribute to world issues

Heifer International

Operation Smile

**United Nations:** Educate members about United Nations programs concerning women, children, literacy, human rights and the environment and support GFWC' s status as an UN Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Observer.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**Citizenship:** Educate members and others about the importance of active citizenship, and encourage participation in related activities.

Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

Eaton County Youth Foundation

Election Poll Workers

**SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEES MUST check minimum of one below (more than one encouraged).**

**COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Assist members with outreach activities by providing tools that help create a positive image of women's clubs, and familiarize members with the federation's history, mission and current initiatives.

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CONTEST:** Encourage and reward clubs for completing improvement projects that meet the unique needs of their communities, helping to make their cities and towns better places to live.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS:** Increase member awareness about and involvement in programs to decrease domestic violence in communities and across the nation.

**FUNDRAISING:** Support clubs, district, state and national fundraising effort with ideas, resources, and tools, which can generate non-dues revenue to support the projects and initiatives of GFWC, clubs, districts and state federations.

**LEADERSHIP:** Support club, district, state and national leadership efforts with ideas, resources, and tools to assist all members in developing their leadership skills.

**LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY:** Involve GFWC members in grassroots advocacy for GFWC resolutions and priority issues.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Promote strategic membership planning to ensure the future of the Federation by retaining and recruiting members, renewing federation enthusiasm and pride, and building new GFWC clubs.

**WOMEN'S HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER + 1734 SOCIETY:** Collect, preserve, interpret, and promote the history of GFWC and women volunteers.

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**THANK YOU!**