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Distribution and Award Amount:

The objective of the GVCC Deaconess Memorial Fund is to present qualifying students enrolled in a college/university/school of higher education with a one-time fixed award of \$500. The Funds will be issued to the student awardee(s) in the form of a gift card. The student is required to present their current transcript from the institution they are attending and must currently hold a 2.5 or higher GPA (Grade Point Average).

Applicant Selection Process:

The awardee(s) of the Deaconess Memorial Fund will be selected based on the criteria of having a 2.5 GPA and completion of an essay on their "Personal Experience in Serving Others". In the essay, the student will share his/her faith journey and how their personal experience(s) with God has helped others discover the love of Jesus Christ through their willingness to serve. The applicant is required to timely submit a completed application and include all required documents (current academic transcript(s) & essay).

How to obtain applications:

Applications will become available at the beginning of November 2021. Applications will not be accepted prior to November 2021. Applications may be downloaded from the Greater Vision Community Church website at www.greatervisioncc.org, click on the "Academic Enrichment" tab. Applications may also be picked up from the church administrative office Mon–Fri between the hours of 10am to 4pm. Deadline for submission of completed applications will be January 3, 2022.

Submission of completed applications:

Completed applications can be submitted on or before the deadline date to the Greater Vision Community Church Administration office Mon–Fri between the hours of 10am to 4pm. Applications can also be uploaded and emailed to: Deaconess Natalie Diggs at nataliediggs@gmail.com. Completed applications can be mailed to Greater Vision Community Church; ensure that the application is mailed and received on or before the deadline date. Mail the completed application to: Greater Vision Deaconess Memorial Fund, Greater Vision Community Church, 2000 East Stan Schlueter Loop, Killeen, Texas 76542.

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**Greater Vision Community Church Deaconess Memorial Fund
Application Form**

Personal/Contact Information:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Home/Cell/Contact Phone: _____

Name of College/University/School of Higher Education: *Include a copy of your academic transcript from the institution you are currently attending with this application. GPA (Grade Point Average) must be 2.5 or higher.

Essay: "Personal Experience in Serving Others". *In no less than 500 words, share your faith journey and how your personal experience(s) with God has helped others discover the love of Jesus Christ through your willingness to serve. Applicant's essay should also demonstrate passion, enthusiasm, & commitment in personal experience(s) while serving others in church or in the community. The typed essay must demonstrate proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Be specific. (Feel free to attach a separate sheet of paper to continue.)

(*) Indicates attachments

Thank you for applying for the Greater Vision Community Church Deaconess Memorial Fund!

Stipend Application Checklist:

- _____ Completed Application
- _____ Academic Transcript(s)
- _____ Completed Essay

By submitting this completed application, I authorize the Deaconess Review Committee to verify my G.P.A., credits and class load.

Applicant's Signature and Date