

Greater Vision Community Church  
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#### **Distribution and Award Amount:**

The objective of the GVCC Deaconess Memorial Stipend is to present qualifying students enrolled in a college/university/school of higher learning with a one-time fixed award of \$500. The stipend 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 Stipend 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 December 2023. Applications will not be accepted prior to December 2023. Applications may be downloaded from the Greater Vision Community Church website at [www.greatervisioncc.org](http://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 16, 2024.

#### **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: Sis. Venus Gilchrist-Harrell at [venusblessings1@gmail.com](mailto:venusblessings1@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 Stipend, Greater Vision Community Church, 2000 East Stan Schlueter Loop, Killeen, Texas 76542.**

### **Application Form**

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**Personal/Contact Information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home/Cell/Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of College/University/School of Higher Learning:** \*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 essay must demonstrate proper grammar, spelling, & 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 Stipend!***

### Stipend Application Checklist:

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application  
\_\_\_\_\_ Academic Transcript(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Essay

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

**Applicant's Signature and Date**