

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 *Sherry Myers* at sherry-myers@hotmail.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.

Date: _____ Signature: _____ Club Member: _____
Sponsored by _____

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:

sherry-myers@hotmail.com

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

Sherry Myers

GFWC- Charlotte Membership Chair

1773 W. Vermontville

Charlotte, MI 48813

517-749-6762

COMPLETE ATTACHED INTERESTS CHECKLIST, IN FULL
(Please note: the INTEREST CHECKLIST is an additional 2 pages below)

NAME _____ DATE _____

GFWC-CHARLOTTE INTEREST CHECKLIST

The Checklist was created to acquaint new members with the many opportunities to become connected and active in our club.

Please check all areas that interest you. Additional, in depth information, will be presented during the *New Member Orientation Meeting* in November. Please call your sponsor or contact our Membership Chairman with any questions. You will have an opportunity to make changes or additions to your Interest Checklist at our Orientation meeting.

Community Service Programs

ARTS - *Arts in the Community*: Members are encouraged to create and contribute to arts education and activities in our community.

Creative Arts: opportunities for our members may include-

- GFWC-Charlotte Chorus
- Arts & Crafts
- Mini trips

Conservation -

Beautification: Members participate in beautifying our community.

- Downtown flower urns
- City beautification projects
- Welcome sign at Quality Dairy

Resource Conservation: Members are encouraged to become stewards of natural resources & raise environmental awareness.

- Recycle-members collect items for recycling
- Kind News-A* magazine, published by the Humane Society, that teaches kindness and respect for animals, each other and the environment. Members may donate a subscription for a K-5th grade class.

Education -

Education in the community: Our club supports and promotes lifelong learning.

- Tea & Tomes-Book club
- ESO, Epsilon Sigma Omicron-reading sorority of GFWC members
- Kaleidoscope-a day for women at MSU
- GFWC MI Education Foundation-Scholarships are available for club members to further their education.

Focus on Literacy:

- RIF, Reading is FUNdamental. Our club provides books and distributes them to 2nd graders in Charlotte schools.
- Read to Me-Members read to K-2nd graders at St. Mary's School.
- Listen to Me Read - Parkview school, students read to members.

Home Life -

Helping Hands in the Community: Members participate in efforts that improve the lives of those in need.

- Mobile Meals Program-deliver meals to the home bound.
- Hand to Hand-designed to support our members at times of need.
- SIREN/Eaton Shelter-donate items and volunteer.
- Eaton Clothing & Furniture Center-volunteer at local thrift store and donate.
- HGB Volunteer, e.g., at the Gift Basket or in any other capacity.
- Christmas Kiddies-wrap gifts for Christmas distribution.

Focus on Health: GFWC-Charlotte promotes healthy living.

- Develop and support Women's Health Programs
- Women on the Move- held at ALIVE.

Public Issues -

Citizenship: GFWC-Charlotte supports active citizenship, encourages participation and voting.

GFWC-Charlotte Club Activities and Sponsorships

Committee Service Opportunities:

- Arts and Nursing Scholarships-selection committee
- CHS Senior Scholarships-committee
- Membership Committee - promote GFWC-Charlotte working to recruit and retain members.
- Public relations - Publicity

Financial Sponsorships(Donations):

- Guiding Harbor-residential facility for young people
- Bay Cliff Health Camp-Summer therapy camp for disabled children.

International Outreach:

- Heifer International - a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities.
- Operation Smile - an organization that provides medical care to children with facial deformities.

Additional Club Activities -

- Home Tour: fundraiser
- SIREN Holiday Tea, in Partnership with GFWC-Charlotte: fundraiser
- Archives: scanning & preserving GFWC-Charlotte records
- Oral History: interview all members and record their club memories
- Community Improvement Project: 2-year project, selected by the Club president and supported by club members
- Leadership: assume a role in the administration of GFWC at the club, district and state level
- Annual CHS Senior Tea: A tradition since 1947, that honors graduating CHS Seniors. (**New club members automatically serve on this committee.**)

THANK YOU!