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Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church Scholarship Ministry

Scholarship Application 2026 – 2027

Due Date: May 31, 2026

PURPOSE

The Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church (“GMCHC”) Scholarship Ministry is charged with annually awarding scholarships to eligible members pursuing college degrees, sponsoring fundraising campaigns for the GMCHC Scholarship Fund, and hosting educational and professional development workshops that enrich GMCHC members. In 1988, Founding Pastor, Archbishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr. called together a group of young professional women known as the “Women of Virtue Scholarship Ministry” with the mission of promoting higher education and professional development among members, especially Calvary’s youth. Today, Lead Pastor Rodney L. Carter, Jr. continues the strong tradition of promoting education and encourages members to attain the highest-level possible. Under Pastor Carter’s leadership, the GMCHC Scholarship Ministry awards four Freshmen scholarships and one non-Freshman scholarship, and administers other auxiliary- and member-sponsored scholarships. All scholarship awards are based on approved, available funds, and adherence to the stipulated guidelines below.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All GMCHC Freshman Scholarship applicants (both high school seniors and non-traditional) must:

- Be an active member of GMCHC for at least one year and demonstrate active participation in church, school and/or community activities.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Present proof of enrollment at an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

NOTE: A Non-Traditional scholarship applicant is a non-high school senior who is 25 years old or older and is pursuing his/her first post-secondary degree from an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

For consideration of a GMCHC Freshmen Scholarship, eligible students must:

- Submit a completed GMCHC Scholarship application [ONLINE](#) by **May 31, 2026 at 11:59pm EST**
- Submit a transcript and a current photo. (Transcripts must include official GPA through 3rd semester of applicant’s senior year. We prefer that GPAs are provided on an unweighted 4.0 scale if available.)
- **Submit a 200-250-word essay on “Why do you want to receive a college education and how will you use your degree to serve your family, your community and the world?”**
- Attend a **mandatory** interview either via ZOOM or conference call (**Freshman Applicants only**). (The call is tentatively to be scheduled between **June 6-June 13**)

For consideration of a GMCHC Non-Freshman Scholarship, eligible students must:

- Submit a GMCHC Scholarship Application with sections 1, 2, 3, & 7 completed.
- Present proof of enrollment for the fall semester.
- Be an active member of GMCHC for at least one year.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and must maintain a GPA of 2.0 throughout the semester.

****All application materials must be received by the deadline and incomplete applications will not be considered.****

TYPES OF AWARDS

GMCHC SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS

FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

All GMCHC Freshman Scholarships will be awarded to GMCHC college-bound high school senior(s) entering college for the first-time as a Freshmen and who satisfy the eligibility/application requirements above and the specific scholarship criteria listed below.

Freshman Scholarship/Award recipients will receive their award in **two equal installments**; the first installment will be issued at the beginning of the fall semester; and the second installment will be issued during the spring semester period upon proof of full-time enrollment for the spring semester. Proof of enrollment consists of student's Spring Semester Class Schedule. Award checks will be made out to the student, unless otherwise specified by the award recipient or further stipulated by the specific GMCHC Scholarship.

- **ARCHBISHOP ALFRED A. OWENS, JR., FOUNDING PASTOR, EXCELLENCE AWARD** (*GMCHC Member only*) Awarded to a single college bound GMCHC High School Senior who displays academic excellence with the highest cumulative GPA and demonstrates strong Christian character and church/community service involvement.
- **DR. SUSIE C. OWENS, CO-PASTOR EMERITUS, LEADERSHIP AWARD** (*GMCHC Member only*) Awarded to a single college bound GMCHC High School Senior who demonstrates exemplary leadership skills in church and school, maintains a B+ or higher GPA, and displays strong Christian character and church/community service involvement.
- **GMCHC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** (*GMCHC Member only*) Awarded to college bound GMCHC High School Senior(s) who demonstrates high academic achievement and exhibit other Christian and community accomplishments.
- **GMCHC MERIT** (*GMCHC Member only*) Awarded to college bound GMCHC High School Senior(s) who meets the minimum GPA of 2.5 and demonstrate other Christian and community accomplishments.

NON-FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

- **BOOK AWARD(S)** (*GMCHC Member only*) Awarded to college students continuing their education as an undergraduate sophomore, junior, or senior to assist with the purchase of books and/or supplies.

OTHER AUXILIARY-SPONSORED OR MEMBER-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- **Barbara Roberts "Heart of a Nurse" SCHOLARSHIP (*GMCHC Member Only*)** This scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate academic achievement, Christian and community accomplishments, and are pursuing certification(s), degree(s) or additional training in Nursing, Social Work, Psychology, Health, Medicine and other applicable fields related to helping others as it pertains to physical and/or socio-emotional health. *This scholarship is sponsored by GMCHC Nurses Ministry and awarded as funds are available.*

Barbara Roberts "Heart of a Nurse" Scholarship applicants must:

- Complete the GMCHC Scholarship application ONLINE;
- Present proof of enrollment at an accredited two- or four-year college or university or certification program;
- Demonstrate active participation in church, school and/or community activities; and,
- Submit on a separate sheet of paper a 200-250 word typewritten essay, addressing the questions:

"What is your interpretation of what it means to have the heart of a Nurse? How have you exemplified humility, love and patience to serve members in your family, community and the world?"

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP(S)

These scholarships can be established by a GMCHC member for the purpose of honoring a loved one. When such scholarship is available, it will be awarded to one or more eligible student(s) based on the set criteria established for that particular scholarship. Any person applying for the GMCHC Scholarships or Book Award will be automatically considered for these awards if eligible.

- **Kayla Perry Memorial Scholarship (*GMCHC Member Only*)**
This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who has demonstrated academic achievement, displayed positive and uplifting Christian and community service, and plans to pursue a two- or four-year degree with a focus or concentration on the Arts including but not limited to performing arts, music, dance, painting or theater. *This scholarship is sponsored by the Perry Family and Flawless Ministries and awarded as funds are available.*

The applicants must:

- Complete the GMCHC application and adhere to GMCHC Freshmen Scholarship eligibility requirements;
- Present proof of enrollment at an accredited two- or four-year college or university or certification program; and,
- Demonstrate active participation in church, school and/or community activities.

- **Cassandra Joyner Memorial Scholarship (*GMCHC Member Only*)**
Awarded to a non-traditional student who displays outstanding academic, Christian and community service. *This scholarship was established by the GMCHC Sisters Keepers and the GMCHC Sanctuary Choir and awarded as funds are available.*

**OTHER AUXILIARY-SPONSORED OR MEMBER-SPONSORED
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS (CONTINUED)**

○ **H & M Richardson Scholarship (*GMCHC Member Only*) (*NEW*)**

This scholarship will be awarded to a female student who requires financial assistance, is enrolled full-time in college as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, and has a current cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. This award is not available for graduating high school seniors. *This scholarship was established by H&M Richardson Scholarship Fund in memory of Mother Margaret S. Richardson and will be awarded annually as funds are available.*

The applicants must:

- Complete the GMCHC scholarship application. For continuing college students in their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year, you must submit your current college transcript showing the cumulative GPA and a current photo.
- Present proof of enrollment at an accredited two- or four-year college or university;
- Must demonstrate financial need by submitting the FAFSA Submission Summary and writing a statement of financial need that provides a description of your situation including the amounts of financial assistance you have received and your outstanding education-related debt or shortfall; and,
- Demonstrate active participation in church, school and/or community activities.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP and BOOK AWARD APPLICATION**DEADLINE: May 31, 2026 at 11:59pm EST**

****Please submit this completed application and all required materials [here](#). Please contact the GMCHC Scholarship Committee at womenofvirtue@gmchc.org should you have any questions.**

1. SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD CATEGORY (Select all that apply)

	GMCHC FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS: <i>Only eligible for GMCHC members that are graduating high school seniors.</i>
	GMCHC NON-FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS (BOOK AWARDS): <i>GMCHC members only who are continuing college undergraduate students (Sophomore, Junior, or Senior students)</i>
	Kayla Perry Memorial Scholarship: <i>GMCHC members only who are graduating high school and are planning to pursue a degree in the Performing Arts.</i>
	Barbara Roberts "Heart of a Nurse" Scholarship: <i>GMCHC members only who are pursuing a degree or certification in Nursing or other Allied Health Sciences.</i>
	H & M Richardson Scholarship: <i>GMCHC members only who are college undergraduate female students in their Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Year.</i>
	Cassandra Joyner Memorial Scholarship: <i>GMCHC members only who meet the criteria of a non-traditional student, i.e., non-high school senior who is 25 years old or older pursuing their first post-secondary degree.</i>

2. STUDENT PERSONAL DATA

Student Name	Student Contact Information
First:	Home Phone:
Last:	Cell Phone:
Email:	
Student's Home Address	
Street	
City State: Zip:	
Parent/Guardian Contact Information:	
Name:	Parent's Home and Email Address:
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	

3. EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL <i>(Freshman Scholarship applicants only)</i>	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY <i>(Continuing Students Only)</i> <i>(Next Academic Year)</i>	Status Next Academic Year
Location	Location	____ 1 st yr (Freshman)
G.P.A.	G.P.A.	____ 2 nd yr (Soph.)
College/University will be attending:	College/University attending:	____ 3 rd yr (Junior)
Intended Major:	Major:	____ 4 th yr (Senior)

4. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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5. HONORS AND AWARDS (use additional sheet if necessary)

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6. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

How long have you been a member of GMCHC?	
List all GMCHC ministries you have served, and the length of service.	
Will you be receiving any financial aid? If so, specify.	
Please provide the date of your actual high school graduation.	
<p>Please indicate your top two dates to participate in the mandatory interview with the GMCHC Scholarship Committee.</p> <p>Sat., June 6, 2026 between 12:00pm – 5:00pm</p> <p>Sun., June 7, 2026 between 4:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Sat., June 13, 2026 between 12:00pm – 5:00pm</p>	

**The GMCHC Graduation Recognition & Scholarship Awards ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 28, 2026. All scholarship recipients are expected to be present. **

By signing, I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that if I am chosen as a scholarship recipient, I will use the funds for expenses related to my education in an institution of higher learning.

7. STUDENT SIGNATURE:

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OFFICIAL USE	CAT	YR	MIN	TRAN	GPA	ACCEP	PRF	SUB