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## Dorothy A. Johnson Center

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### **Kathy A. Agard Fellowships in Community Philanthropy** **Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy**

Applications are due: **May 14, 2021**

The Kathy A. Agard Fellowship in Philanthropy was initiated by friends and colleagues of Kathy Agard in recognition of her years of service, her dedication, and the impact she made on the field of community philanthropy.

#### **About the Fellowship**

The Agard Fellowship is designed to assist students at Grand Valley State University — undergraduate (at least junior standing) or graduate in any major or program — interested in studying community philanthropy including individual giving, community foundations, giving circles, nonprofit organizations, public foundations, and related topics in conducting a research project of their suggestion within this field.

The Agard Fellow for the academic year 2021-2022 will be expected to engage in independent research or work on an advanced project with a faculty mentor, to expand the understanding of individual or organized philanthropy. The fellow will be given an opportunity to present the resulting product in the following year. The fellow will receive a stipend of \$2,500 paid in two installments.

If academic credit is desired, the fellow should arrange for an independent study course with a faculty member of their choice, and should create a product suitable for obtaining credit.

#### **About Kathy Agard**

Kathy Agard, Ed.D., has served as a leader and pioneer in Michigan philanthropy for more than 40 years, most recently as executive director of the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and associate professor with the School of Public, Nonprofit and Health Administration at Grand Valley State University from 2006-2010. Her previous nonprofit management experience included executive positions at the Council of Michigan Foundations, the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, and Hackly Hospital in Muskegon. She was the founding executive director of the Learning to Give, a national program designed to infuse the teaching of philanthropy into the core curriculum of K-12 schools. Agard developed and implemented the Michigan Community Foundations' Youth Project, which now serves as an international model in youth grantmaking. Agard received both a Master of Public Administration and a Doctor of Education degree from Western Michigan University.



## Kathy A. Agard Fellowships in Community Philanthropy Application

Submit the following documents by May 14, 2021:

1. Brief description of the research project you would like to pursue (no more than 1 page). Include how your areas of interest, previous education and experiences, or other aspects of your professional profile make you a good fit for the Agard Fellowship.
2. Your name, address, telephone, and email address;  
Program / Major; and  
Expected graduation date.
3. Current resume

Send the documents via email to Pat Robinson, [robinpat@gvsu.edu](mailto:robinpat@gvsu.edu), (place **Agard Fellow** in the subject line.)

Please contact Pat, [robinpat@gvsu.edu](mailto:robinpat@gvsu.edu), 616-331-7585 with any questions.