



Dorothy A. Johnson Center
FOR PHILANTHROPY

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

Application deadline: **Open until filled**

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 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.

Two Agard Fellows will be selected for the academic year of 2022-2023. Each will receive an award of \$2,500 and, working with a faculty mentor of their choice, will be expected to engage in independent research or work on advanced projects to expand the understanding of individual or organized philanthropy. The Agard Fellows will be given an opportunity to present on the resulting product(s) in the following year.

If academic credit is desired, the appointed 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. Dr. Agard developed and implemented the Michigan Community Foundations' Youth Project, which now serves as an international model in youth grantmaking. Dr. Agard received both a M.P.A. and Ed.D. from Western Michigan University.



Kathy A. Agard Fellowships in Community Philanthropy Application Form

Submit the following information:

1. Summary of no more than 1 page briefly describing the research project you would like to pursue. Explain 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. Please include:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Telephone
 - Email Address
 - Program / Major
 - Expected graduation date
 - When you plan to conduct your research: fall 2022 semester, winter 2023 semester, or fall and winter semesters
2. Current resume

Send the documents via email to robinpat@gvsu.edu, (please place **Agard Fellow** in the subject line.)

Contact Pat Robinson, associate director special projects, at robinpat@gvsu.edu, 616-331-7585 with any questions.