

The Value of Belonging to AAUW

As an AAUW member, you'll be proud to belong to this nationwide group of people who value education and equal rights ... who are contributing to a more promising future for all women and girls ... and who together provide a powerful voice for women and girls—a voice that cannot and will not be ignored.

And as an AAUW branch or individual member, you will receive the tangible benefits listed below.

A voice in government. AAUW's 100,000-member voice is key on critical women's and civil rights issues—lobbying, briefing policy-makers, and spearheading coalitions. Take advantage of opportunities for hands-on action through activities such as the AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and the online Two-Minute Activist. Receive briefings and fact sheets on critical policy issues. AAUW members can also read the monthly *Action Alert* policy newsletter online or receive discounts on subscriptions.

- **A powerful network.** Whether in spirit, online, or in person, you belong to a community of people who value education and equal rights and who believe in taking action. Wherever you go, you will find a community of friends and professional contacts. Locate AAUW colleagues around the world through our *AAUW Membership Directory* (in print or electronic format).

Additional benefits for branch members: Make new friends and meet professional colleagues when you participate in local meetings and activities.

- **Timely and relevant information at your fingertips.**
 - AAUW's award-winning magazine *AAUW Outlook* highlights issues and individuals affecting women and girls today. Action Network briefs alert you to congressional actions on issues that can change your life. State and branch groups publish newsletters about local activities and interests.
 - On the AAUW website, find continually updated information on equity and education issues affecting women today; opportunities for online advocacy; links to Congress; information about AAUW Educational Foundation fellowships, grants, and awards; and summaries of cases for plaintiffs supported by the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.
- **National and regional activities.** At conferences like the AAUW national convention, expand your personal and professional network. Learn skills to strengthen your leadership role at work, at school, or in your community. Chart the course for advancing equity for women and girls in

the United States and around the world. Discover innovative strategies to promote equity and social justice. Sharpen your skills in advocacy and cross-cultural and intergenerational communications.

- **Opportunities for activism.** Participate in programs like AAUW's Sister-to-Sister Summits for teens and Sisters in Action follow-up activities, Woman-to-Woman Community Dialogues on Social Justice, Transitions Conferences for women considering a return to school or addressing career and lifestyle changes, Voter Education Campaigns, and other state and local programs.

Professional and educational support. AAUW educational and professional development programs help you develop your professional and personal skills and hone your leadership skills. Take advantage of AAUW's Leadership Library, and volunteer to serve on national boards, committees, and panels.

- **Access to fellowships, grants, and awards.** Discover the more than \$4 million that the AAUW Educational Foundation provides annually in fellowships, grants, and awards for outstanding women around the globe. Apply for one yourself or encourage family members, friends, or local scholars to do so.
- **Updates on groundbreaking research.** Take pride in being part of an organization that studies issues that matter to women and girls today and for generations to come. Use the action guides and other tools that accompany some of the reports to make changes in your community.

To enjoy these benefits, **join AAUW today!**