



## **WHAT IS AAUW?**

American Association of University Women is the largest, oldest national organization working for the advancement of women and education. Founded in 1881 by seventeen alumnae of eight colleges, AAUW was envisioned as a network dedicated to opening the doors of higher education to women.

A national network of over 175,000 educated women who are using their educations in the service of women and society...

Education and social action at the local, state, national, and international levels that enable you to fulfill your ambitions by becoming more involved...

Programs that foster personal growth by enhancing your skills and your ability to make significant contributions to your community...

### **AAUW MISSION STATEMENT:**

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

#### **ADVOCACY**

Equity is the legal right of all women and girls. AAUW frames and fosters factual, in-depth, objective dialogue among legislators and change makers that results in political, institutional and legal support for women's equity in all areas of life and work.

#### **EDUCATION**

AAUW generates significant resources for higher education, underwriting advanced education opportunities for women and girls to ensure women have access to and the opportunity for high performance in their profession of choice.

#### **RESEARCH**

AAUW conducts groundbreaking research that draws national attention to issues of gender equity in education and the workplace; influences policy-makers as well as educators, parents, and students; and, most importantly, serves as a catalyst for action. Recent reports address topics such as the pay gap between men and women, economic security of older women, sexual harassment on college campuses, and gender equity in science and engineering education.

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