

Membership Matters...

AAUW believes that together we can transform society for the better. Our vision is simple — we bring people together united behind the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls. By joining our nearly 100,000 members, 1,000 branches, and more than 500 college and university partner members, you become part of AAUW's powerful voice.

Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. When more than a century ago a Harvard physician claimed that higher education jeopardized women's health, AAUW conducted research that proved he was wrong. When the number of female college students grew, AAUW funded fellowships to support them. When girls and boys were treated differently in school, AAUW research put gender bias on the national agenda. When women receive less pay than their male colleagues for the same job, AAUW continues researching, educating, and advocating for equity.

We invite you to learn more about the [value of belonging](#) and to [become a part](#) of this smart, passionate, and creative community.

If you hold an associate's or equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, you can join AAUW as an individual (member-at-large) or as a member of one of AAUW's 1,000 branches. Branch members also belong to the national organization.

For more information on joining the Virginia Beach Branch, please contact the Vice President for Membership: aauwofvb@cox.net.

AAUW Mission Statement

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

AAUW Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

AAUW Vision Statement

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

AAUW Diversity Statement

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Contact Us

For more information contact our Scholarship Chair, Linda Love at aauwofvb@cox.net and put scholarship in the subject line.

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AAUW Virginia Beach Branch

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THE LINDA TODD SCHOLARSHIP

Applications Available
Every January

<http://viriniabeach-va.aauw.net/>



Sarah Hamm 2019 Scholarship Recipient, Linda Todd and Andrea Bender 2020 & 2021 Scholarship Recipient

Our Scholarship History...

This Scholarship is named for Branch member, Linda Todd, who provided 18 years of inspirational outstanding service and dedication to the AAUW Virginia Beach Branch local scholarship program. She is a graduate of East Carolina University; a retired middle school Language Arts and Social Studies teacher; an avid reader, as well as an accomplished hiker. Above all, she is an active advocate for women and girls achieving their educational and career goals. She was a Virginia Beach Branch co-president for two years and the local scholarship chair for 18 years. The Linda Todd Scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding re-entry Virginia Beach female resident, enrolled in an accredited two or four year institution. The program is supported by Branch member donations and occasional fundraising events.

More about our story...

One of the main goals of the Virginia Beach Branch is to help advance the education of women. The local scholarship was established in 1994 to provide funds for a student currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. At least one \$500.00 scholarship is offered each spring to a Virginia Beach female resident who has returned to school after a lapse of time. On May 15, 2013, it was renamed "The Linda Todd Scholarship" in honor of her dedication to the branch local scholarship program. The Virginia Beach Branch has presented 62 scholarships as of 2023 representing nearly \$36,000.

Who We Are...

The Virginia Beach Branch was founded in 1958. Throughout the years, we have become known for contributing to the community as well as for advocating education and equity for women and girls. The leadership skills, learned through AAUW participation, have enabled many of our branch members to move to influential policy-making positions in local government, education, and business as well as to elected and appointed offices in Virginia AAUW.

Today we have nearly 50 members from a variety of backgrounds, colleges, professions, and interests. We continue to focus on accomplishing our written goals. They include increasing the number and participation of members, raising sufficient monies for AAUW Funds, continuing and expanding community action projects, increasing involvement with public policy, and strengthening our leadership development program and increasing our local visibility.



Nannette Huff 2022 Linda Todd Scholarship Recipient

What We Do...

- 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...

Scholarship Criteria...

- Resident of Virginia Beach
- At least 23 years of age or older
- Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program in Hampton Roads and have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at an accredited two- or four-year institution (this does not include accredited career colleges)
- Have returned to school after a lapse of time
- Have a G.P.A. of 2.75 or greater