

MEMBERSHIP

ELIGIBILITY

A graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from

- a qualified educational institution
- a degree from a foreign institution recognized by the International Federation of University Women (IFUW)
- a foreign degree acceptable as a basis for admission by graduate schools at regionally accredited universities of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Dual Members. This is a member who holds membership in more than one branch. Membership (\$49) is paid through one branch considered the primary branch. Branch dues are paid to each branch unless a life member. \$46 is tax deductible.

National Members (formerly Members-at-Large). A national member pays dues directly to AAUW (\$49) and is not affiliated with a branch. \$46 is tax deductible.

E-Branch. National members, members of disbanded branches, as well as members in unique living situations, can remain connected or become involved with AAUW-PA. These members can choose to form an e-branch which only requires three (3) members and some knowledge of the internet. Contact AAUW-PA College/University Liaison for more information (aauwpacu@gmail.com)

Paid Life Members. A paid life member has paid a one-time payment of 20 times the current AAUW dues. The member is required to pay branch and state dues.

Honorary or 50-Year Members. A member who has paid AAUW dues for 50 years is eligible for Honorary life membership. The 50 years do not need to be consecutive. No dues are required of state, but a branch may or may not choose to collect branch dues. The branch needs to submit an application to AAUW. Go to www.aauw.org; click on the following: Member Center, Membership Campaigns, 50 year Honorary Life Membership, then General Forms.

College/University Partner Membership. AAUW's College/University Partner Membership Program provides educational institutions the opportunity to easily share all the benefits of AAUW with their students, faculty, and staff.

Student Affiliates.

- Undergraduate student at a C/U partner school: AAUW dues are FREE; state dues are FREE for the first year, and half price after that; branch may or may not collect dues.
- Undergraduate student at a school that is NOT a C/U partner: AAUW dues are \$17; state dues are FREE for the first year, and half price after that; branch may or may not collect dues. As an Emerging Leader Intern (ELI), a branch may choose to pay AAUW dues.
- Graduate student at any institution: AAUW dues are \$49; state dues are FREE for the first year, and half price after than; branch may or may not collect dues. \$46 is tax deductible. As an Emerging Leader Intern (ELI), a branch may choose to pay AAUW dues.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNS

Give a Grad a Gift. Only an AAUW member can give a recent graduate—one within two years-- a gift of a FREE AAUW membership at \$49; \$46 is tax deductible. THIS IS AT NO COST TO THE MEMBER OR GRADUATE. If the graduate decides to join a branch, the state and local dues need to be paid by the graduate. The membership gift can occur through the branch or by completing the form on-line, www.aauw.org; click on the following: Member Center, Membership Campaigns, Give a Grad a Gift, then General Forms.

Shape the Future Events. At mission-driven events open to the public, discounts will be offered to prospective members or two-year lapsed members, and free memberships offered to a branch. The discount of ½ AAUW dues (\$24.50) and ½ state dues (\$5) is offered to a person who joins on the spot; branch dues may or may not be waived. One free membership for every two new members who join, with a maximum of three, will be offered to the branch and must be redeemed by the end of the AAUW fiscal year in which it was earned.

THIS RESOURCE IS A SUMMARY OF SOME INFORMATION FROM THE AAUW ANNUAL LEADER ESSENTIALS KIT WHICH ALL MVP'S ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ.