

# Shape the Future

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. Will Shape the Future continue for 2021-2022?**

Yes.

### **2. Who is eligible to join at half price at a Shape the Future event?**

Shape the Future allows anyone who fulfills the current membership requirements to join. New members are those entirely new to AAUW. Lapsed members can rejoin after two or more years of non-membership. Current national members are not new members when they join a branch and cannot participate in Shape the Future. Undergraduates may join as student members through this campaign. AAUW-PA has also offered half price dues to anyone who joins at a Shape the Future event since 2011. Branches can choose to offer Shape the Future half price dues. My own branch, AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh offers Shape the Future half price dues on all three levels - national, state and branch.

### **3. Are the half price dues still valid for the entire fiscal year in which the member joins through Shape the Future?**

Half price dues are offered only for those who join during a Shape the Future event. It is valid for the entire fiscal year in which the member joins. It is important that you submit the dues for those joining under Shape the Future for fiscal year 2021-2022. A branch can hold more than one Shape the Future event, either actually or virtually during any AAUW fiscal year. For many years I have suggested that branches hold Shape the Future events after March 15th, which is the earliest date dues can be paid for the new fiscal year. This year I am suggesting that branches wait to hold an STF event until the vote on the membership eligibility is finalized. Voting opens on April 7 and concludes on May 17. Recruiting before the bylaws vote means that you only can recruit those who currently are eligible for membership. I suggest that branches hold their Shape the Future events between May 18 and mid-June to eliminate any possibility of recruiting someone who is not yet eligible to join AAUW. And I will add my opinion that NOW is the time to open membership to all persons who share our mission.

### **4. When will the ADRFY22 be available?**

The 12 AAUW-PA branches which do not participate in the MPP, Membership Payment Program, will need to use this form to submit dues for those who join at their STF event. This form will not be available until March 16th. I will forward the ADRFY22 form to those branches when I receive it.