



Who We Are

The **American Association of University Women** (AAUW) is a powerful community of 170,000 members and supporters across the U.S. that works to break through barriers facing women. Since 1881, AAUW has empowered women to address issues from education and professional development to fair pay and an end to gender discrimination.

Our **AAUW Howard County Branch**—having been around for over 55 years and over 50 members strong – advocates for women’s issues by focusing on a strong educational base for a successful career. Specifically, we:

- Work with local businesses and Howard Community College (HCC) for scholarships to help young women, many being single parents, complete their college degrees and develop strong leadership skills.
- Help women to negotiate their best salary through Start/Work Smart.
- Engage with local officials to advance women’s rights and issues in the county.



What We Do

Education - We raise funds to award scholarships for women at HCC who are pursuing a college degree primarily in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) field and to women attending an annual AAUW-sponsored leadership conference at the University of MD.

We participate in the local Girl Power Career Fair to encourage girls’ interest in STEM careers through various hands-on demonstrations, conversations with member scientists and other fun activities. Our volunteers also teach classes with HCC to help women negotiate the best possible salary and benefit package after college graduation.



Girl Power STEM Career Fair



Public Policy – We identify, develop and communicate with local elected officials about proposed legislation and positions on issues important to women. Often we team up with other women’s groups to support our policies and theirs and to help enact legislation.

Philanthropy – We raise funds for educational scholarships through silent auctions, raffles, honorary teas, fashion shows, and proceeds from special, fun activities with area businesses.

Diversity and Membership – We engage in various informative activities and events to help members learn about other cultures and races in order to attract a diverse membership.

Meetings – Monthly branch meetings provide an opportunity to socialize and network as well as listen to speakers on topics of interest to women in the community. There you will meet other smart, amazing women like you who have purpose and drive. Monthly newsletters keep our members informed of our latest activities.

Special Interests – There are monthly discussions on international issues, book reviews, dining adventures, lunch bunch outings, and craft and movie gatherings just for fun!



Ready to Join?

Membership provides not only social networking opportunities, but allows you to grow and become part of a larger community.

If you hold an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from an accredited college or university, you can join AAUW Howard County Branch and engage with us in as many of these activities that interest you. Annual membership is \$85, of which \$59 is tax-deductible. An application is on the back of this pamphlet.

As a member, you will be actively contributing to a more promising future for all women and girls.

For more information, please visit our branch website at

<https://howardcounty-md.aauw.net>



MEMBERSHIP FORM

I would like to join AAUW Howard County Branch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

College/University: _____

Degree(s) earned: _____

Major(s): _____

Career/Job: _____

Interests: _____

Referred by: _____

Annual dues are \$85 (Branch-\$13; State-\$10; National-\$62). \$56 is tax deductible.

If you join at a public event, dues are \$54.

Please mail this form and a check for dues (made out to AAUW-Howard County) to:

Bea Dane, Treasurer, AAUW HoCo

4050 Hobbs Hill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737-9522

Or sign up at

<https://www.aauw.org/membership/>