



## Who We Are

The **American Association of University Women** (AAUW) is a powerful community of more than 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.



## What We Do

Our **AAUW Howard County Branch**— established 55 years ago, and currently 55 members strong – advocates for women’s issues by focusing on a strong educational base for lifetime successes. Specifically, we:

- Raise funds to award scholarships to women, many of whom are single working moms, at Howard Community College (HCC) who are pursuing a college degree primarily in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) field.

- Foster leadership development by underwriting expenses for students attending an annual AAUW-sponsored conference at the University of Maryland.
- Train women to negotiate their best salary through a nationally recognized seminar: Start/Work Smart.
- Engage with local officials to advance women’s rights and issues in the county.
- 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.
- Donate to and volunteer for local organizations that are addressing economic inequality such as the Howard County Food Bank, HCC food pantry and Success in Style.



*Girl Power STEM Career Fair*



## How We Do It

**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, 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 and help to eliminate inequities in education.

**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.

**Special Interests** – We have regular discussions on current international issues, interesting book reviews, and dining adventures just for fun!



## Ready to Join?

It's likely that someone gave you support and encouragement to help you earn your degree, so here's your chance to help other women gain a solid educational foundation.

If you would like to make a difference in women's lives and you hold an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from an accredited college or university, you are eligible to join AAUW. As a part of this organization, you will be joining other women who find AAUW membership a powerful way to "pay it forward."

AAUW membership provides not only social networking opportunities, but allows you to engage your talent and experience to support women's equity in our local community as well as at the national level.

You can engage in as many of these activities as your time and interest allow. An application is in this pamphlet or go [online](#) to apply.

For more information, please visit our branch website at:

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



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

I would like to join AAUW Ho Co Branch.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Career/Job: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues are \$90 (Branch-\$13; State-\$10; National-\$67); \$64 is tax deductible. **First year dues are reduced to \$56.50** (\$30.50 is tax deductible).

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/>



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# Join Us

