



COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

THE AWARD: The Colorado Springs Branch of the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Six scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 will be awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year. In addition, one or more \$1,800 memorial scholarships designated for elementary education majors will be awarded.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must be an undergraduate woman with at least 36 earned college credits. Applicants must be currently attending either PPCC or UCCS, must be planning to attend fall 2020 semester classes at PPCC or UCCS, and must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

1. All pages of the completed AAUW scholarship application, including the applicant's signature on the Use of Application Materials statement.
2. **Official** grade transcripts sent directly by the college to the email address or postal mail address provided on the application.
3. All pages of the applicant's 2020-2021 Student Aid Report available on FAFSA website a couple business days after FAFSA is submitted. We especially need to see your official EFC.
4. A personal statement (**one to two typed double-spaced pages**) following the instructions on the application form.
5. A letter of recommendation sent directly from the recommender to the email address or postal address provided on the application.

DEADLINE: Applicants submitting all application materials by **March 30, 2020** will be given first priority, however, due to the chaos of the pandemic, we will be flexible with that deadline.

SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS: Applicants are encouraged to submit materials electronically, as .PDF documents, to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at mosigler24@gmail.com; however, if needed, a postal mail address for the AAUW Local Scholarship Committee is provided below. Letters of recommendation must be sent by the recommender and grade transcripts must be sent by the college either electronically or by postal mail.

AAUW Scholarship Committee, c/o Maureen Sigler, 5715 Pamlico Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80923.

INTERVIEW: The top candidates for these scholarships will be personally interviewed on **April 25, 2020**.

NOTIFICATION: The scholarship winners will be notified personally by May 1, and the name of the winners will be posted on-line at www.coloradosprings-co.aauw.net.

FOLLOW-UP: **Thank you notes, attendance at the AAUW October fundraiser, and a summary of progress** from scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged. Meeting with, and hearing from, scholarship recipients significantly impacts AAUW's ability to generation scholarship donations for future scholarships.

The AAUW Local Scholarship Committee looks forward to reading your application. Good luck!

Keep this page for your future reference.



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AAUW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

II. Academic Information

A. List below your **current** academic information.

College/University: _____ Credits earned: _____

Major: _____ Overall GPA: _____

B. List below **previous** colleges/universities attended.

College/University: _____ Dates: _____

Degree/Credit hours: _____ Major: _____ Overall GPA: _____

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C. Please provide **official** transcripts of your post-secondary studies at PPCC and/or UCCS. Transcripts from other schools are not required.

D. List the college/university you plan to attend fall semester 2020: _____

III. Financial Information

All pages of your Student Aid Report with the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number are required. It is available to you on the FAFSA website a few business days after you submit in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Website is: fafsa.gov

IV. Letter of Recommendation

Ask one person to send in a letter of recommendation on letterhead, and list that person's name and position or occupation below. This person may **not** be a family member. He/she should be a person such as a professor, adviser, employer, coach, or religious leader who is familiar with your abilities, achievements, personality, and goals and can express these significant aspects of you effectively.

This letter must be sent directly to the AAUW Scholarship Chairperson by March 30.

Email: mosigler24@gmail.com

Postal mail: AAUW Scholarships c/o Maureen Sigler, 5715 Pamlico Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Name: _____ Position/Occupation: _____

Phone Number: _____

Read, sign, and submit next page as part of your application.

V. Personal Statement Instructions (one to two typed double-spaced pages)

The AAUW Local Scholarships Committee is very interested in learning about you and your career goal. Read all four of the topics below, and then use one or a combination of two or more as your diving board to plunge into an explanation of how you arrived at your career goal, how you plan to achieve it, why it is important to you. We will be looking for a clearly stated goal and a discussion all supported with details and examples. We do expect correct grammar and mechanics.

- Your career goal, including a stated major, with an explanation of why you made this choice and what you hope to do in this field.
- Academic activities, jobs, and/or volunteer work that led to and/or support your career goal.
- Community, athletic, religious, or other extracurricular activities that expanded your concept of the right career for you.
- Life experiences (a death, a marriage, a divorce, care of children, abuse, trips or missions, a friendship, a mentor, etc.) that led to your career goal and deepened your passion for it.

Use of Application Material

AAUW-Colorado Springs agrees not to reveal any personal financial information without the permission of the Local Scholarship applicant nor any information that the applicant specifically designates as private. However, I, the applicant, agree to allow AAUW-Colorado Springs to use other application material for purposes such as an introduction at the scholarship awards luncheon, an article in their newsletter, and the postings of the winners on their website.

Signed: _____ Date: _____