



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. Multiple scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded for the 2022-2023 academic year. Questions about the process should be directed to the Local Scholarship Chair, Maureen Sigler, at mosigler24@gmail.com.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must be an undergraduate student with at least 36 earned college credits at the time of applying. Applicants have attended either PPCC or UCCS, must be planning to attend fall 2022 semester classes at PPCC or UCCS, and must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00.

Priority will be given to students who meet any or all the following:

- demonstrate financial need
- are from underserved, underrepresented populations
- are enrolled in STEM majors

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** college transcripts sent directly by the college to the email address **MoSigler24@gmail.com**.
3. All pages of the applicant's 2022-2023 Student Aid Report available on FAFSA website a couple business days after FAFSA is submitted. We especially need to see your official EFC. **DACA students should submit an official government letter documenting your current DACA status instead of the FAFSA.**
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 provided on the application.

DEADLINE: Applicants are to submit all application materials by **May 20, 2022**.

SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS: Applicants are to submit materials electronically, as .PDF documents, to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at mosigler24@gmail.com. Letters of recommendation must be emailed directly by the recommender and college transcripts must be sent by the college electronically.

ZOOM INTERVIEW: The top candidates for these scholarships will be personally interviewed on **Saturday, June 11, 2022**.

NOTIFICATION: The scholarship winners will be notified personally by June 15, and the name of the winners will be posted on-line at www.coloradosprings-co.aauw.net.

FOLLOW-UP: Thank you notes, attendance and introductions at the **AAUW September Welcome Breakfast (tentatively September 17)** and a **summary of your 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.

Keep this page for your future reference.



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AAUW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

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: _____

C. Please provide **official college** 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 2022: _____

III. Financial Information

All pages of your 2022-2023 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 the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Website is: fafsa.gov. **DACA students, instead of the FAFSA you are to submit an official government letter documenting your current status as a DACA student**

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 who can express these significant aspects of you effectively.

This letter must be sent directly to the AAUW Scholarship Chairperson, Maureen Sigler, by May 20.

Email: mosigler24@gmail.com

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 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 Welcome Breakfast, an article in their newsletter, and the postings of the winners on their website.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

[Application logistics: you will need to print this application and scan the completed application as a .pdf document. To scan your application and essay, if a printer/scanner is unavailable to you, there are multiple smart phone scanning applications available. iPhones have a free, built-in scanning feature within the Notes application. The latest Android phones usually have a built-in scanner too. Use Google if you need more instructions. Both Apple and Android phones also have many scanning applications available in their app stores such as Adobe Scan, Doc Scan Pro, PDF Scanner App. Further assistance is available from MoSigler24@gmail.com. Please note that basic .jpg photos of the application are unacceptable due to the poor quality that results.]