



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 of at least \$2,000 will be awarded for the 2024-2025 academic year. Questions about the process should be directed to the Branch Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must be an undergraduate woman with at least 36 earned college credits at the time of applying. Applicants have attended either PPSC or UCCS, must be planning to attend fall 2024 semester classes at PPSC or UCCS, and must have a minimum cumulative 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** college transcripts sent directly by the college to the email address ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com
3. All pages of the applicant's 2024-2025 Student Aid Report available on FAFSA website a couple business days after FAFSA is submitted. **DACA students should submit an official government document showing 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. **Two** letters of recommendation sent directly from the recommenders to ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com
 - One should emphasize, but not be limited to, your leadership, volunteering, job, internships, and other non-academic achievements.
 - The other should emphasize, but not be limited to, your classroom performance.

DEADLINE: Applicants are to submit all electronic application materials by **May 19, 2024**.

SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS: Applicants are to submit materials electronically, as .PDF documents, to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@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 8, 2024**.

NOTIFICATION: The scholarship winners will be notified personally by June 13, 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 14) and a summary of your progress from scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged. Meeting with, and hearing from, scholarship recipients significantly impact AAUW's ability to generate scholarship donations for future scholarships.

Keep this page for your future reference.



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AAUW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2024-2025

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

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: _____

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

D. List the college/university you plan to attend fall semester 2024: _____

III. Financial Information

All pages of your 2024-2025 Student Aid Report are required. You can download it from the FAFSA website, fafsa.gov, a few business days after you submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. **DACA students, instead of the FAFSA you are to submit an official government document showing your current DACA status.**

IV. Letters of Recommendation

Please submit **two** references. One should emphasize, but not be limited to, your leadership, volunteering, job, internship, and other **non-academic achievements**. The other should emphasize, but not be limited to, **your classroom performance**. List each recommender's name and position or occupation **on the next page**. A recommender 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.

Each recommender is to send letters directly to the AAUW Scholarship Committee Chairperson by May 19, 2024.

Email: ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com

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

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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 ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com. Please note that .jpg photos of the application are unacceptable due to the poor quality that results.]