



## COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS

**THE AWARD:** The Colorado Springs Branch of the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) mission is to advance equity for women through advocacy, education, and research. Multiple scholarships of at least \$3,000 will be awarded for the 2026-2027 academic year. Questions about the process should be directed to the Branch Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at [ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com](mailto:ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com)

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:** The applicant must be an undergraduate with at least 36 earned college credits at the time of applying. Applicants have attended either Pikes Peak State College (PPSC) or University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS), must be planning to attend fall 2026 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](mailto:ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com)
3. A personal statement following the instructions on the application form
4. **Two** letters of recommendation sent directly from the recommenders to [ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com](mailto: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 **February 17, 2026**.

**SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS:** Applicants are to submit materials electronically, as .PDF documents, to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at [ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com](mailto:ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com). Letters of recommendation must be emailed directly by the recommender and college transcripts must be sent by the college electronically.

**NOTIFICATION:** The scholarship winners will be notified personally by March 20, and the name of the winners will be posted on-line at [www.coloradosprings-co.aauw.net](http://www.coloradosprings-co.aauw.net).

**FOLLOW-UP:** Recipients will be honored at the AAUW September Welcome Breakfast September 12 at Bethel Lutheran Church. 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 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2026-2027

#### 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 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. 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 **below**. 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 Feb 17, 2026.**

Email: [ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com](mailto:ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### IV. Personal Statement Instructions

The AAUW Local Scholarships Committee is very interested in learning about you and your career goal. Read the topics below and use them to explain how you arrived at your career goal, how you plan to achieve it, why it is important to you.

- 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 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 submit all forms as a pdf document. Further assistance is available from [ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com](mailto:ScholarshipsAAUW.cos@gmail.com). Please note that .jpg photos of the application are unacceptable due to the poor quality that results.]