

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any individual who has earned an associate or academic equivalent, bachelors or higher degree from an accredited college or university. Undergraduate students who do not already hold a bachelor's degree can join as student affiliates. Membership is not by invitation; everyone is welcome. To join, simply fill out the coupon on the back and mail it with your check for \$68, of which \$49 is for national dues, \$8 is state dues, and \$11 for our branch dues. Alternatively, you may join when you attend a branch meeting. For further information on membership, contact Mary de Tray at [mdetray@gmail.com](mailto:mdetray@gmail.com) or Dawn Schulz at [portia11@verizon.net](mailto:portia11@verizon.net). Visit our branch website at [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org). Visit the national website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). A wealth of information on the national programs is provided.

## **Application for Membership**

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

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# What is AAUW?

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Founded in 1881, the American Association of University Women has as its mission education and equity for all women and girls, positive societal change, and lifelong learning. The McLean Area Branch is one of 1,300 branches nationwide and one of 33 Virginia branches.

## **Equity and Advocacy: Positive Societal Change**

The McLean Area Branch works in coalition with Virginia AAUW and the national AAUW Lobby Corps to get results on a wide range of legislative issues affecting women and girls. Our members are provided leadership and training opportunities so they can effectively lobby on a wide range of issues affecting civil rights and equity for all individuals and the social, economic, and physical well being of all persons. We support legislation that insures individual rights and freedoms.

Through the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund we provide funding and support for women seeking judicial redress for gender discrimination in higher education. We also work as advocates at the local level on a variety of issues, including safe schools and communities, and support for local public schools.

## **Education**

To support educational opportunities for women, the McLean Area Branch each September sponsors a 3-day Used Book Sale at the McLean Community Center. The proceeds go to fellowships and scholarships for women, AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund, and leadership development in the branch. Through the years the book sale proceeds have provided \$100,000 for our own American Fellowship and another \$100,000 for our International Fellowship, both through the national AAUW Educational Foundation. We are currently working toward a goal of \$35,000 to fund a Research & Projects Grant. Additionally, for many years we have funded scholarships for an exceptional woman returning to college at Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason University, and Trinity College in Washington.

Throughout the school year volunteers from the McLean Branch assist teachers at Pimmit Hills High School with students who range from teenagers to the over-50 group and who speak English as a second language. Branch members also meet weekly with wives of foreign diplomats for English conversation on a wide variety of topics.

## **Lifelong Learning**

AAUW is a strong believer in lifelong learning for its members. Our monthly programs (September to May) feature speakers and panels who provide information and insight so we may learn more about a wide variety of subjects. Our speakers in the past have included Alma Powell, Helen Thomas, Cartoonist Herbert Block (HERBLOCK), Actress Catherine Flye, State Superintendent of Schools Belle Whelan, Betty Friedan, Television Consumer Reporter Liz Crenshaw, Computer Pioneer Grace Murray Hopper, and Women in the Military Memorial Founder General Wilma Vaught. Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. or the third Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue. The December and May meetings feature a luncheon or dinner. All meetings are open to the public.

Lifelong learning also encompasses our special interest groups, such as Great Decisions (the Council on Foreign Affairs program studying current international issues), an additional current issues discussion group, a morning literature group, daytime and evening bridge groups, the Dinner Out group, and cultural events.

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