

# Membership Application and Renewal Form

McLean Area Branch 2010/11

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Phone (home and cell)

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Colleges and Degrees (1<sup>st</sup> one goes on record)

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Interests:

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Signature:

**ANNUAL FEES\*:**

- New or renewal: \$68
- Paid life membership: \$19
- Dual Member (nat. dues pd) \$19
- Dual Member \$68
- Honorary Life Member –  
member for 50 or more years \$0
- Special Book Sale Rate: \$34

\*consists of \$49 for national \$8 for state and \$11 for branch; \$46 of nat. is tax deductible.

Please send check payable to AAUW, McLean Area Branch, to the 2010/11 Treasurer: Post Office Box 1002, McLean, VA 22101

You may also pay due for national, state and branch membership online using a credit or debit card at the national AAUW website: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

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McLean Area Branch  
McLean, Virginia

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# What is AAUW?

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Founded in 1881, the American Association of University Women has as its mission the advancement of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy. The McLean Area Branch is one of 1,000 branches nationwide and one of 29 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 and in the work place.

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 and one Research & Projects Grant, all through the national AAUW. We are currently working toward a goal of \$75,000 to fund a Research & Projects Grant honoring our Branch's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Additionally, for many years we have funded scholarships for exceptional women returning to college at George Mason University and Trinity University in Washington DC.

## 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 about a wide variety of subjects. Recent speakers have included Senator Janet Howell, 32<sup>nd</sup> District, Virginia; Washington Post sports writer, Tracee Hamilton, and Trinity University president, Patricia McGuire.

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, a daytime bridge group, the Dining Out group, cultural events and International Coffee and Cultural Exchange (branch members meet weekly with wives of foreign diplomats for English conversation on a wide variety of topics).

## 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 Sheila Fletcher at [sheilafletcher@mac.com](mailto:sheilafletcher@mac.com) or Sandy Sieber at [chuckandsandy@comcast.net](mailto:chuckandsandy@comcast.net). Visit our branch website at [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org) or the national website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) for more information.