

AAUW National 2020 NCCWSL Scholarship Guidelines

Important Dates

November 1, 2019: AAUW National Scholarship Application opens

February 15, 2020: National Scholarship Application closes

March 16, 2020: National Scholarship decisions are sent - full scholarships awarded, others waitlisted

March 23, 2020: Final National Scholarship decisions are sent - partial scholarships awarded

March 30, 2020: Signed contracts & endorsement forms due

April 6, 2020: Second Round National Scholarship decisions are sent - partial scholarships awarded

April 13, 2020: Signed contracts & endorsement forms due

National Scholarships

The AAUW National Scholarship Application will open November 1, 2019, and close at 11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2020 (EST). Students must apply through AAUW's online application to be considered for a national scholarship. Students who apply for a national scholarship DO NOT fill out a separate registration. AAUW offers both full and partial national scholarships, awarded upon availability. Scholarships cover registration fees and included meals only; they do not cover or include travel or other additional expenses.

If a student receives a partial national scholarship and is in need of assistance for their remaining registration fees and/or travel expenses, they are allowed to make up the difference in cost from a sponsorship from an AAUW state, branch or member. Students who receive a full national scholarship are also allowed to accept local sponsorships for travel expenses.

Full scholarships cover:

Regular residential or commuter registration (award amount of \$585 or \$405, respectively)

Scheduled meals

Partial scholarships cover:

50% of the regular registration fee (award amount of \$292.50 for residential or \$202.50 for commuter)

Scheduled meals

Selection Process

Awardees are selected by the NCCWSL Scholarship Committee, comprised of members of our independent NCCWSL Steering Committee. The review committee evaluates each application according to our national scholarship criteria. Full scholarships are awarded first to the top candidates, and once acceptances are confirmed, partial scholarships are awarded to the next highest ranking individuals. The total amount of scholarships AAUW awards varies by year based depending on contributions to the NCCWSL Scholarship Support fund.

Contributions to the NCCWSL Scholarship Support fund full and partial scholarships for students from across the U.S. AAUW national's NCCWSL Scholarship Committee is solely responsible for determining scholarship recipients. Branches that support NCCWSL through contributions to this fund do not select recipients, nor do they decide how their funds are allocated. For example, if a branch donates in the amount of \$585, their funds could be used for one full scholarship or they could be used for two partial scholarships, depending on where funds are needed.

The NCCWSL Scholarship Committee reviews and selects applicants, with final oversight by the AAUW NCCWSL team. The AAUW advancement team then assigns the gift amount to an awardee located near the contributing branch, if possible. If there are no awardees in the donor's city or state, the advancement team will match those funds to the next closest awardee. National scholarship awardees are asked to write a thank you letter to the branch or member after attending the conference.

After decisions are sent out and awards are accepted, scholarship awardees will be registered by the AAUW NCCWSL team. If an applicant is not awarded a scholarship but would still like to attend, they will be able to register at our early-bird rate.

How to Donate to the NCCWSL Scholarship Support Fund

If you are interested in donating to the NCCWSL Scholarship Support fund, visit the [programs donation page](#) and select "NCCWSL Scholarship Support" under the drop down menu for "Other special funds and giving circles". Contributions of any amount are accepted and 100% of donations are used for sending a student to NCCWSL. There is no limit on the number of scholarships awarded; the more donations received, the more students are able to attend the conference.

For questions regarding NCCWSL registrations or AAUW National Scholarships, please reach out to the conference coordinators at nccwsl@aauw.org.

Interested students seeking financial assistance in the form of local sponsorships may contact their local branch. Please use our [online tool](#) to locate your representative.