

BETHLEHEM BRANCH AAUW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR NON-TRADITIONAL FEMALE STUDENTS

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the largest and oldest national organization of women who are college graduates. AAUW promotes education and equity for women and girls.

The Bethlehem Branch of AAUW has been awarding scholarships to local women since 1954. Our Book Fair, which is held at the Municipal Pool Building, generates funds for the AAUW scholarships. The amount that we can award is dependent on the amount earned at the Book Fair. The 2017 Book Fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 – Monday, April 24, 2017. The scholarships are typically \$1,000 to \$2,000 per recipient.

Non-Traditional Female Students' Scholarship Guidelines

1. **Women applying must be a resident of the Bethlehem Branch AAUW membership area.** (This area includes the City of Bethlehem, Hanover Township, Bethlehem Township, Fountain Hill, Hellertown and Saucon Valley.)
2. Applicant must:
 - a. Have had her studies interrupted at some point for at least six months,
 - b. Have completed the equivalent of two years of college work, and
 - c. Be attending or have been accepted for the fall 2017 term at an accredited four-year college or university for undergraduate work.
3. Scholarship award is based on the following criteria (not necessarily in order of importance):
 - a. Demonstrated financial need
 - b. Academic record
 - c. Demonstrated promise of academic success.
4. As part of the process each applicant may be asked to meet the Scholarship Committee for an informal interview. The applicant will be contacted to arrange a convenient time and place.
5. Applications must be returned by **March 2, 2017** to:

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Bethlehem, PA 18017
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INSTRUCTIONS

- A. **Only completed applications will be considered. Do not leave blank spaces. If a particular question is not applicable to your circumstances, simply enter "N/A."**
- B. All applications must be accompanied by copies of (1) W2 Forms and the Federal Income Tax Form 1040 or 1040A for the year 2016, and (2) your most recent transcript(s).

Name: _____ Age ___ Phone # _____

Home Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of Employer, if employed _____

Address of Employer

Street: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Marital Status: ___ Single ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Widow

Name of Spouse, if married _____

Occupation of spouse _____

Spouse's Employer _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Source of income, if unemployed

Monetary value of other family assets (i.e., stocks, bonds, trusts, certificates of deposit, bank accounts, property other than home, other sources of family income)

Adjusted 2016 Gross Income from IRS Form 1040 or 1040A _____

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List **dependent** members of your household (**excluding yourself**):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School or Work Status</u>	<u>Relationship to Applicant</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Do you own/ rent your home? own__ rent__ Amount of monthly mortgage/rent_____

Does your family have any unusual expenses it must meet? _____

If so, please explain _____

Activities in the community: _____

List previously attended colleges and dates. (**Copies of transcripts of all previous college work must be submitted with this application.**)

<u>Name of College</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	
_____	From: _____	To: _____
_____	From: _____	To: _____
_____	From: _____	To: _____

Name of college you are attending (or are planning to attend), your major, and the course(s) you plan to take.

Name of College: _____

Major: _____

Courses: _____

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Anticipated finances for the next year of college (based on college publications)

EXPENSES		RESOURCES	
Tuition & Fees	_____	Your savings	_____
Room & Board	_____	Scholarships	_____
Books & Supplies	_____	Loans	_____
Personal Expenses	_____	Work	_____
Transportation	_____	Social Security	_____
Total	_____	Total	_____

What do you hope to gain from continuing your education?

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CERTIFICATION OF NEED

I, the undersigned, hereby state that financial aid is essential to enable me to continue my college education. The questions contained in the preceding pages of this application have been answered truthfully and accurately to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Information on this form is confidential between the applicant and the AAUW Scholarship Committee. **All applications and financial information is shredded at the completion of the process.**

As you prepare to submit your scholarship application, please be sure that all requested forms are attached and you have signed the application. Use the following list, placing a checkmark or "x" in the appropriate spaces.

- Copies of W2 forms and your federal income tax return for 2016 are attached**
- Federal income tax return for 2016 has not yet been filed; W2 forms are attached**
- I will not be filing a federal income tax return for 2016**
- Copies of transcripts for all previous college work are attached**
- I have signed and dated this application**