

BETHLEHEM BRANCH AAUW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR NON-TRADITIONAL WOMEN STUDENTS

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the largest and oldest national organization which 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 Rink Building, generates funds for the AAUW scholarships. The scholarships are typically \$1,000 to \$2,000 per recipient.

Non-Traditional Women Student Scholarship Guidelines

1. Women applying must be U.S. citizens and legal residents of Lehigh or Northampton County.
2. Applicant must:
 - a. Have had her studies interrupted at some point for at least six months
 - b. Have completed the equivalent of one semester of college work
 - c. Be attending or have been accepted for the 2024 fall term at an accredited two- or four-year institution, advanced degree program or vocational school
3. Scholarship award is based on the following criteria (not necessary in order of importance):
 - a. Demonstrated financial need
 - b. Academic record
 - c. One (1) character reference from non-family member, mentor, or friend.
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 March 1, 2024 to:

Marie Boltz
526 Wood St., Apt. 102
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Phone 914-514-5531
Marieboltz11937@gmail.com
6. Recipients will be notified by April 15, 2024.

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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 Form and Federal Income Tax Form 1040 or 1040A for the most recent year and (2) your most recent transcripts.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone # _____

Home Address: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of Employer, if employed: _____

Address of Employer:

Street: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Marital Status: _____ Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widow

Name of spouse, if married _____

Occupation of spouse/partner: _____

Spouse's/Partner's Employer: _____

Address: _____

Source of income, if unemployed: _____

Monetary value of other family assets; i.e. stocks, bonds, trust, certificates of deposit, bank account, property other than home, and/or other sources of family income.

Adjusted 2023 gross come 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 most recent college work must be submitted with this application.**)

<u>Name of College</u>	<u>Date 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: _____

Course(s): _____

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

EXPENSES must include the following:

Tuition and Fees

Room and Board

Books and supplies

Personal expenses

Transportation

Total: _____

RESOURCES:

Your savings _____

Scholarships _____

Loans _____

Work _____

Social Security _____

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 AAUW Scholarship Committee. **All applications and financial information are shredded at the completion of the process.**

As you prepare to submit your scholarship application, please be sure that the transcript copies are attached and that you have signed the application.

CHARACTER REFERENCE

Please return by March 1, 2024

**AAUW – Bethlehem
Scholarship Committee
c/o Marie Boltz
526 Wood St., Apt 102
Bethlehem, PA 18018**

_____ has asked that you provide a character reference in her application for a Non-traditional Women’s Study Grant from the American Association of University Women, Bethlehem Branch. The more specific your answers, the more helpful it will be to the candidate and to the committee in determining the amount of potential grant. We will hold this information in strict confidence.

1. How long have you known the applicant:
2. In what capacity?
3. What do you know of her personal integrity?
4. What responsibilities have you known her to undertake? Does she fulfill her responsibilities?
5. In your view, does the applicant need financial aid?
6. We would be interested in any further comments you may wish to make.

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Date _____

The Scholarship Committee of AAUW – Bethlehem greatly appreciates your prompt reply.