



The American Association of University Women is the largest and oldest national organization which promotes education and equity for women and girls.

The Bethlehem Branch of AAUW has been awarding grants and scholarships to local women since 1954. Our Used Book Sale, which is held in April each year, generates funds for the AAUW grants and scholarships, which are typically \$1,000 to \$2,000 per recipient.

**Non-Traditional Study Grant Application Guidelines**  
**Applications are for either one semester or for a complete school year.**

**Adult female residents of the Lehigh Valley who have had their studies interrupted before obtaining their degree are eligible to apply for our Non-traditional Student Study Grant. Applications should be submitted after acceptance into a college or vocational undergraduate or graduate program.**

1. Women applying must be U.S. citizens and legal residents of Lehigh or Northampton Counties.
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 or vocational schoolwork
  - c. Be attending or have been accepted for the 2025 fall term at an accredited two- or four-year institution, advanced degree program or vocational school
3. Grant award is based on the following criteria (not necessarily 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. Recipients will be notified as soon as possible after the application has been received and reviewed and a check will be sent to the recipient.

Please keep this page for your information and return the completed application as soon as possible to:

Dianne Schellenberg  
2331 Overlook Drive  
Bethlehem, PA 18017  
[dianneschellenberg@gmail.com](mailto:dianneschellenberg@gmail.com)

**BETHLEHEM BRANCH AAUW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
FOR NON-TRADITIONAL WOMEN STUDENTS**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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Adjusted gross income from your latest IRS form 1040 or  
1040A \_\_\_\_\_

**BETHLEHEM BRANCH AAUW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR  
NON-TRADITIONAL WOMEN STUDENTS**

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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**BETHLEHEM BRANCH AAUW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**FOR NON-TRADITIONAL WOMEN STUDENTS**  
**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 as soon as possible to  
AAUW – Bethlehem Scholarship Committee  
c/o Dianne Schellenberg  
2331 Overlook Drive  
Bethlehem, PA 18017**

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.