



**2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
FOR CURRENT STUDENTS CONTINUING OR ENROLLED IN A TWO OR FOUR-YEAR
ACCREDITED INSTITUTION (\$500-4,000 AWARDS)**

To access the scholarship application, go to:

<https://racine-wi.aauw.net/>

DEADLINE:

- All materials must be submitted via our online application no later than **February 2, 2026**.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must be female and residents of Racine County, Wisconsin, though they may be attending any college or university.
- Applicants must be enrolled in either a two or four-year accredited degree granting institution as a full-time* student (12 or more credit hours per semester).
*Some consideration will also be given to part-time students with extenuating circumstances.
- As of the fall semester 2026, four year applicants must be enrolled as either juniors or seniors. Two year accredited institution applicants must be in their second year.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.

APPLICATION ITEMS:

- a. The online application, completed in full.
- b. The essay described below.
- c. A current copy of your FAFSA (SAR) from your college/university. This multi-page financial document is referred to as the Student Aid Report.
- d. A copy of your transcript(s) from ALL colleges/universities attended.
- e. Applicants will also need TWO CURRENT (within the past year) letters of recommendation: one from a dean, professor, teacher or advisor, and the other from a non-academic source (no family members or guardians). Letters not following these guidelines will reduce your scores.

ESSAY:

Included in your online application, write an essay of **500 words or less** that addresses, in separate paragraphs, EACH of the four questions below:

- a. Tell us about yourself and why AAUW should give you a scholarship.
- b. How have your college education and experiences affected your personal growth?
What are your strengths and challenges that may affect your educational success?
- c. How will you contribute to your community?
- d. AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change. How do you envision your education and your future career contributing to these goals?

ALL materials should be uploaded with the online application. Please email required documents to aauwracinescholar@gmail.com no later than February 2, 2026.

AAUW Scholarship Committee