**AAUW WILMINGTON (DE) BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS**

**FOR WOMEN RESIDENTS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

The American Association of University Women was founded in 1881 for the purpose of "uniting of the alumnae of different institutions for practical educational work.” In accordance with the goal of working for broader opportunities for women, the Wilmington Branch of the Association offers annual scholarships of varying amounts to women pursuing a baccalaureate or graduate degree at an accredited college or university.

Any questions may be directed to aauwwilmscholars@gmail.com.

**Eligibility**

New scholarships will be available only to women who are residents of New Castle County, Delaware, with a State of DE driver’s license, and are a US citizen.  High school seniors must be receiving home-schooling in New Castle County.

**Details**

* Scholarship is for one academic year only.
* Scholarships apply to tuition only and cannot be used to cover room, board, or related educational expenses.
* Recipients must reapply each year.

**Criteria**

Scholarships awarded on the basis of:

1. Financial need
2. Scholastic standing
3. Contributions to the school and community
4. Results of standardized testing

**Award Distribution**

The scholarship money will be sent directly to the college for tuition in two equal payments for two semesters.

**Application Requirements**

In order for applications to be considered, all required materials must be fully complete, accurate, and submitted electronically or postmarked by March 1, 2021. Please see the list below of required items and materials.

Applicants must submit both the appropriate application (New Applicant, Returning Applicant, or Homeschooled Applicant) and the AAUW Financials Form.

Applicants must have letters of recommendation sent directly from the author to either:

 Email: aauwwilmscholars@gmail.com

 Postal Mail:

New Applicant Coordinator

AAUW Scholarship Committee

1800 Fairfax Blvd.
Wilmington, DE  19803

Once semi-finalists are identified, those applicants will be invited for an interview, which will take place in person (or via Zoom if face-to-face meetings are not possible). Semi-finalists will be contacted in April to arrange their interview time.

**To Apply**

To be considered, the completed application form and all supporting materials **must** be submitted electronically or postmarkedon or before **March 1, 2021.**

Applicants may apply electronically or via hard copy and postal mail.

* The electronic application is available at http://wilmington-de.aauw.net. Applicants need to have or create a Google account.
	+ Applicants may send any hard copy supplements to the address below.
* Applicants may also print the application and send it, along with the required materials, by postal mail to:

New Applicant Coordinator

AAUW Scholarship Committee

1800 Fairfax Blvd.
Wilmington, DE  19803

Phone: 302-428-0939 email: aauwwilmscholars@gmail.com

* Applicants may request to have an application mailed to their home address. To make this request, email aauwwilmscholars@gmail.com .

**Application Checklist**

1. All items on your application, including this signature page and two essays.

2. All items on the AAUW Financials Form.

3. Student’s driver’s license

4. Official Sealed Transcripts:

**High School Senior**: A transcript for 10th, 11th, and first semester of 12th grade, including standardized test scores.

**College Freshmen only**: A final transcript from your high school AND a transcript of your current undergraduate record.

**College or graduate student**: An official sealed transcript of all undergraduate and graduate records. If you have not completed three semesters of college also include an official high school transcript.

5. Two letters of recommendation as defined on the application. Letters of recommendation may be sent via postal mail to the address above OR emailed directly from the letter’s author to: aauwwilmscholars@gmail.com

6. A copy of SAT or ACTscores (high school seniors & college freshmen).

7. 2019 W2 and/or 1099 for you and your parents OR independent students (and spouses, if

applicable). If you call yourself an independent student, your FAFSA

must reflect this.

8. A copy of the response to your “Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form”

(FAFSA), which includes your EFC (expected family contribution); include all pages

Additional requirements for homeschooled applicants:

* Two (2) SAT Subject Tests of your choice.
* Sample portfolio of your work or a sample research paper.
* Reading lists for home-schooled courses.

Additional requirements graduate students

* A copy of Graduate Record Exams scores, if applicable