



Naperville Area (IL)

AAUW NAPERVILLE AREA (IL) 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Association of University Women
Naperville Area is offering **two \$5,000 scholarships**
to female or non-binary presenting persons who are
seeking undergraduate degrees!

For complete criteria and
application packets,
see your Financial Aid Office.

Selections completed by April 30, 2023, and funds
disbursed shortly thereafter. Recipient must be able
to attend an awards brunch in the Naperville area on
May 13, 2023.



DEADLINE EXTENDED!
APPLICATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2023.

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AAUW NAPERVILLE AREA (IL) CRITERIA FOR THE 2023 SUE TOPP INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Age Requirement: Applicants must be female or non-binary presenting persons of any age.

Undergraduate Degree Program: Only students enrolled part-time or full-time in either an associate's degree or bachelor's degree program (including accelerated programs) at an accredited institution will be considered.

Graduation Timeline: Candidates must either: (a) be on track to graduate by December 31, 2023, if enrolled in an associate's degree program; or (b) achieve junior status by March 31, 2023, if enrolled in a bachelor's degree program.

Academic Scholarship: Because this is a scholarship and not a grant, the required cumulative GPA is 3.0. **Official transcripts are required of all finalists.**

Financial Considerations: The financial need of applicants will be considered. However, this does not necessarily mean that financial need will take precedence over scholarship. All criteria will be considered for each applicant.

Residency Considerations: The scholarship is available to those who reside in or attend school in DuPage, Will, Kendall or Kane Counties in Illinois.

Quality of Written Personal Statement: We are looking for applicants who demonstrate excellent writing skills and can delineate clear academic and life goals, including how their leadership skills have already and will continue to apply. We are also looking for detailed explanations of financial need.

Quality of Interview: From the entire field of applicants, the most qualified finalists will be chosen to interview with the scholarship committee. We will be looking for articulate responses to our questions, especially regarding the applicant's past and current leadership positions, the leadership qualities they have acquired, and how they hope to apply these qualities in their future career and within the community at large. We hope that the person chosen to receive the scholarship will consent to have AAUW Naperville Area follow up with her after the scholarship funds have been expended.

Future Goals: During the interview process, we would also like to hear about how the scholarship finalists intend to use their education and leadership abilities to make meaningful contributions to society, both now and in the future.

Submission of Application and Transcripts: The completed application, including the applicant's personal statement and financial statements, must be submitted by regular mail to the address specified in the application. **Deadline extended! Applications must be received by March 31, 2023.** If selected as a finalist, official transcripts will also be required. Upon request, transcripts must be submitted in the manner set forth in the application.

Publicity: The scholarship recipient must consent to allow AAUW Naperville Area (IL) to use her name, likeness and general information, such as school, field of study and goals, for publicity purposes and must also be able to attend our annual awards brunch on May 13, 2023.



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SUE TOPP INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP
2023 APPLICATION CHECKLIST

(NOTE: In all cases where the terms "woman," "women" or "girls" are used in this document, our intent is to include the category "non-binary presenting person.")

- ☐ Is a female or non-binary presenting person of any age
- ☐ Resides in or attends school in DuPage, Will, Kendall or Kane Counties in Illinois
- ☐ Is enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's degree program at an accredited institution
- ☐ Demonstrates leadership qualities and currently holds or has recently held leadership positions in school or within the community
- ☐ Demonstrates a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society, both now and in the future
- ☐ Has, through their actions, supported the advancement of gender equity for women and girls in school or within the community
- ☐ Has a GPA of at least 3.0
- ☐ Will graduate by December 31, 2023, if enrolled in an associate's degree program or will achieve junior status by March 31, 2023, if enrolled in a bachelor's degree program
- ☐ Completed and signed application is enclosed
- ☐ Personal statement is enclosed
- ☐ Financial statement(s) from school is enclosed
- ☐ Is able to attend awards brunch on May 13, 2023.

(Note: If selected as a finalist, official transcripts will be required.)

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RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2023.

Mail completed application to:

AAUW Naperville Area
ATTN: Sue Topp Inspirational Leadership Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 4662
Naperville, IL 60567-4662



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SUE TOPP INSPIRATIONAL
LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

2023 APPLICATION

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"non-binary presenting person.")

AAUW advances gender equity through advocacy, education and research.

An applicant for this Scholarship must be a female or non-binary presenting person of any age who: (a) is enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's degree program at an accredited institution; (b) demonstrates leadership qualities and currently holds or recently has held leadership positions in school or within the community; (c) demonstrates a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society, both now and in the future; (d) will graduate by December 31, 2023, if enrolled in an associate's degree program, or will achieve junior status by March 31, 2023, if enrolled in a bachelor's degree program; (e) has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0; (f) has, through their actions, supported the advancement of gender equity for women and girls in school or within the community; (g) resides in or attends school in DuPage, Will, Kendall or Kane Counties in Illinois; and (h) is able to attend the AAUW Naperville Area awards brunch on May 13, 2023.

PLEASE SEE DETAILED SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA TO ENSURE THAT YOU QUALIFY.

Date _____

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated

Ages of children, if applicable: _____, _____, _____, _____

Do they reside with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Are you applying for any other AAUW scholarships? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously applied for this scholarship? ☐ Yes [YEAR _____] ☐ No

Please list any outside activities in which you are involved at your university or in your community, including leadership positions you have held or are currently holding and the responsibilities inherent therein:

II. **EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

Now attending college: ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ Accelerated Program

What type of degree are you pursuing? ☐ Bachelor's ☐ Associate's

☐ Other _____

Name of college/university: _____

Name of program or department: _____

If this is an Adult Accelerated Program, what is the normative length of this program?

Date you entered the program: _____

Intended date of graduation: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) in this program: _____

Currently enrolled in how many hours: _____ semester _____ quarter

Planned hours next semester/quarter: _____ semester _____ quarter

Briefly state your future career plans, including how they relate to leadership within your career and the community at large:

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Do you currently hold a degree? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so please list degree and year attained:

If you are pursuing an additional degree, briefly explain your objective:

Name of previous college/university:

Dates attended: _____ Hours earned: _____ GPA: _____

Please list two academic references:

Name: _____

Title and Institution: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Title and Institution: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please respond to each question in the space provided. NO attachments.

Are you employed outside of the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is your **current ANNUAL salary**? \$ _____

Name of employer: _____

Job description: _____

Spouse's annual income: \$ _____ Spouse's occupation: _____

Annual income from other sources: \$ _____

[include child support, alimony/maintenance, parental support, unemployment, disability]

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL INCOME: \$ _____

SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID**Loans****Grants**

Previous financial aid for school: \$ _____ \$ _____

Current financial aid for school: \$ _____ \$ _____

Anticipated financial aid to graduation: \$ _____ \$ _____

TOTAL amount of loans to be paid back after graduation: \$ _____

IV. ANTICIPATED COSTS**Jan '23– Dec '23****Dec '23 to grad**

Tuition and Fees: \$ _____ \$ _____

Books: \$ _____ \$ _____

Transportation: \$ _____ \$ _____

Childcare: \$ _____ \$ _____

Other: _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Please include any additional information you would like us to have about your financial status:

V. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO ENCLOSE:**

Your application will NOT be considered without a personal statement and financial statements from your school. Additionally, official transcripts will be required of all FINALISTS. Upon request, applicants must ascertain that official transcripts are forwarded promptly, as described in paragraph 3 below.

1. **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please include a personal statement describing your educational journey, your educational and career ambitions, and your current financial need. Describe any leadership positions you currently hold or have held, either in school or in your community, the leadership qualities you have acquired as a result, and how you hope to use your leadership abilities to make a meaningful contribution within your career and to society, both now and in the future. Also, if you have supported the advancement of gender equity for women and girls in school or within the community, please tell us how. The more you tell us about yourself, the more fairly we can award this scholarship. **The essay should be a minimum of 550 words. Use additional paper and attach.**

2. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM YOUR SCHOOL**

Please enclose a copy of your financial statement from your school. This should include information on your financial aid package, any grants you have received and your current bill. Usually, all this information is in the same statement. The financial statements may be unofficial photocopies.

3. **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**

If selected as a finalist, one copy of your official transcripts from your current institution must be provided. The transcripts must be in a sealed envelope stamped by your institution on the back. If you transferred to your current institution, we do NOT need copies of your transcripts from your previous institution if the transfer credits are reflected on your current transcript. If your institution will not release official sealed transcripts to you, please have them sent separately to our address.

I affirm that the information given in this application is accurate and current. I acknowledge that this information will be reviewed only by the AAUW Naperville Area Scholarship Committee and will be kept in strict confidence (all applications are shredded at the end of the selection process). Should I be selected to receive this scholarship, I grant AAUW Naperville Area permission to use my name and likeness for scholarship publicity purposes, and I will attend the AAUW awards brunch to be held in the Naperville area on May 13, 2023.

Applicant's signature: _____

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Please mail application to:

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ATTN: Angeline Gale Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 4662
Naperville, IL 60567-4662**

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ELECTRONICALLY

How did you hear about this scholarship?

Scholarship recipients will be selected by April 30, 2023. Funds will be available shortly thereafter and will be disbursed directly to the college or university in which the recipient is enrolled.
