



AAUW NAPERVILLE AREA (IL) CRITERIA FOR 2022 L&S INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Age Requirement: There is no age requirement for this scholarship.

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

Graduation Timeline: Candidates must achieve junior status by the application deadline of March 31, 2022.

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: Because the award is intended to assist women monetarily, 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 will apply thereto. 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 woman 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. 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.