



AAUW NAPERVILLE AREA (IL)

SUE TOPP INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

2023 APPLICATION

(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.”)

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: _____

DEADLINE EXTENDED!
Application must be received by March 31, 2023.

Please mail application to:

**AAUW Naperville Area
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.
