

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND APPLICATION FORM
for the
Elmira-Corning Branch of the AAUW

The American Association of University Women was founded in 1882 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 Elmira-Corning Branch of the Association offers annual scholarships of varying amounts to women pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university.

The Elmira-Corning branch of AAUW is proud to offer Return to Learning scholarships to mature women who are working toward an associate or bachelor's degree. Scholarship amounts are determined by the success of our fund-raising projects and have ranged from \$500 - \$2,000 in previous years. The Return to Learning Scholarship offers our moral and financial support to women who are well along in their studies in their quest to develop and improve their careers.

The Zelda Sadinsky Scholarship is a memorial to a branch member who let our support make a significant impact in her life. First awarded in 2005, this scholarship is supported with funds from the Sadinsky family and branch members.

The Polly Leveen Scholarship is a memorial to a branch member who was a very active in AAUW and passionate about the mission. First awarded in 2015, this scholarship is supported with funds from the Leveen family and branch members.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

To be eligible an applicant must be:

1. At least 24 years of age and continuing their education after a significant interruption.
2. Currently residing in the Twin Tiers.
3. Applicant must be registered in an undergraduate program for a new career or furthering an existing career. The course(s) must be taken at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college. No preference will be given to either full or part-time students.
4. Applicant must be currently enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours at the undergraduate level in an accredited college.
5. Applicant must have plans to further their education at the next level if they are within one semester of graduation.

6. Applicant must explain her personal goals and commitment to her studies through the written application.

7. Applicant will include an essay: considerable weight will be given to the applicant's ability to convey creative ideas through a well-organized, clear, and thoughtful essay dealing with some aspect of her field of study. The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and include her name on each page. Preference is given to an essay that is written especially for this application rather than previously written class paper. The essay should demonstrate knowledge of the applicant's field of study and should blend personal insight with the discussion of how this study will achieve her long-term goals. It should also demonstrate a commitment to community service, academic/career goals; describe how applicant meets the above criteria, and how the scholarship will contribute to enabling her pursuit in a career.

8. Applications must be received no later than **Friday, March 18, 2022.**

Email application and attachments to sheilareed55@gmail.com

9. Interviews will be scheduled during the month of April.

10. Award notification will be made by **Friday May 20, 2022.**

11. Award Ceremony will be held at the AAUW's Annual Luncheon
Thursday, June 2, 2022, at the Elmira Country Club.

Awards are based on financial need and projection of success in reaching the applicant's academic goal.

CHECK SHEET FOR APPLICANTS OF AAUW SCHOLARSHIP

Please be sure to check that each item has been included before submitting this application.

____ Transcript

____ Three letters of reference

____ Essay

____ Verification of all financial information

____ All questions answered and double-checked

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR AAUW USE

Date received _____

Date of interview _____

Date of letter _____

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS APPLICATION. BLANK LINES WILL AFFECT CONSIDERATION.

The deadline for receipt of this application is **Friday, March 18, 2022.**

Name _____ Age _____

Street _____ PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address

Part I

Name of college where enrolled this semester _____

Name of college where you will be enrolled for the fall semester _____

State the name of your accredited degree program? _____

What degree do you expect to receive? A.S. _____ A.A.S. _____ B.S. _____ B.A. _____

What is your declared Major (if applicable)? _____

If you are enrolled full time what year _____ (1,2,3,4) are you in?

If you are enrolled part time, how many credits do you have now? _____

How many credits are you taking this semester? _____

How many credits are required for the degree you seek? _____

When do you expect to graduate? Date: _____

If you graduate this semester or next, are you transferring to another college? - _____

Name of college _____ Have you been accepted? - _____

What degree do you expect to receive? _____ When do you expect to graduate?

REQUIRED: PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT TO DATE

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR IT TO BE CERTIFIED).

Part II

REQUIRED REFERENCES: Please obtain three (3) letters of reference. Select from employers, community leaders, counselors, or professors who can attest to your character and ability to achieve your goals.

Please have your reference letters sent electronically directly to:

sheilareed55@gmail.com

Write "AAUW Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

List their name, title, and complete address and telephone number of your references below.

Please do not leave blank.

1) Name
Title
Street Address
City State Zip
Email address
Work or cell phone

2) Name
Title
Street Address
City State Zip
Email address
Work or cell phone

3) Name
Title
Street Address
City State Zip
Email address
Work or cell phone

Part III

Please list work experience, including employer, job title, and dates of employment, or attach a current resume.

Part IV

Write an essay using the required criteria from point 7. under “Guideline for Applicants” on page 2 of this application. Attach to this application submission.

Part V

Please itemize your expenses and resources for the academic year **2021-2022** for the college of your choice.

REQUIRED: PLEASE FILL IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR EVERY LINE

EXPENSES

Tuition _____

Room and board at college
(if you live on campus)

Books & Supplies _____

Transportation for school _____

Child Care _____

Misc. (describe) _____

TOTAL _____

INCOME

Personal Contributions _____
(your financial contribution to education cost)

Scholarships _____
(amount received or expected and date)

Pell _____

Tap _____

APTS _____

Loans (subsidized) _____

Loans (unsubsidized) _____

Work study _____

TOTAL _____

Part VI

Applicant's Income

Total 2021

Estimated Total 2022

Salary/Wage before taxes _____

Non-taxable Income _____

Spouse's Income before taxes _____

Do you file income taxes: jointly with a spouse _____?

as a single taxpayer _____?

Are you an independent adult who is **NOT** listed as a dependent on the tax return of a spouse?
parent, or guardian? ____Y ____N

Accumulated Unpaid Educational Debt associated with the degree sought? _____

Part VII

Dependents: List all persons who will be listed as dependents on your income tax return this year, e.g., children and age, dependent spouse.

Are there extenuating circumstances in your home that directly affect your family's income or resources? If yes, please explain below.

If awarded an AAUW Scholarship, what will the money be used for?

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON ALL PARTS OF THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date:** _____

Submit to sheilareed55@gmail.com

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