



Established locally in 1923, the Austin branch of AAUW promotes education and equity for all women.

To promote educational opportunities, AAUW in Austin provides scholarship support to women locally and nationally through our members' contributions and branch fundraising activities. Since 1985, the Austin Branch has awarded fellowships each year to outstanding women doctoral candidates at the University of Texas at Austin. We also provide support for female students over the age of 25 through our AAUW/Frances Malmberg Endowed Scholarship at Austin Community College.

With a focus on community service, the branch established Austin's first Public Library in 1926, helped found the Austin Woman's Club in 1928, and worked with the City of Austin to establish Chalmers Nursery School (now Mainsprings Schools) in 1941. The branch has maintained an endowed scholarship fund at the University of Texas since 1934.



Monthly branch meetings offer members the opportunity to learn about and explore local issues and community action efforts aligned with our mission and goals. We actively advocate for gender equity, educational opportunity, diversity, and fair representation in our community. The meetings also encourage vibrant discussion among members and program presenters.



AAUW's longstanding emphasis on educating and empowering girls and women is increasingly focused on promoting programs for study and advancement in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math. In Austin, branch members can volunteer with Latinitas and Girlstart to advance these STEM programs locally, and also explore additional opportunities.



Engagement in public advocacy is essential to our mission in the community. We promote the Work Smart & Start Smart salary negotiation program, participate as Two-Minute Activists, write letters, call officials, assist with voter registration, and work to ensure that our voices are recognized and heard.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Interest and study groups are another important aspect of our local branch life, with a variety of choices for participation. Current options include: book groups, art tours, hiking, bridge, couples activities, dining (lunch out and dinner in), wine tasting, and stitchery.
- ◆ For more information on our Austin branch and the National AAUW organization, please refer to these sites: austin-tx.aauw.net/ and aauw.org/



Working to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy

AAUW is a national community of more than 170,000 people standing strong for gender equity. Our members make our powerful voice even louder on critical issues affecting women and girls.

AAUW's story began in 1881, when a small group of female college graduates banded together to open the doors for women's career advancement and to encourage more women to pursue higher education. We continue to be both tenacious and trailblazing, advocating for women and girls in the present and on into the future.



Mission: Gender Equity & Economic Security

We fight to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity, including disparities in earnings.



Vision: Equity for All We work to combat the unequal opportunities that persist in education, the workplace, and leadership roles for women.



Values: Intersectional. Inclusive. Intergenerational. Empowering.

Though we are nonpartisan, we are not values-neutral. We fight to remove barriers and biases and train women to negotiate for pay and benefits and to pursue leadership roles. And we advocate for federal, state and local laws and policies to ensure equity and end discrimination.

OUR FOCUS

Economic Security We've been working to narrow the gender pay gap, which greets women as soon as they enter the workforce and widens throughout their working lives. Unequal wages stand in the way of a woman's ability to pay off student debt, build wealth and save for a secure retirement.

Education We champion equal opportunities in education. Though more than 60% of college graduates are women, they face barriers and biases throughout their schooling. From pre-school to graduate school, girls and women are unconsciously steered into certain fields of study and away from more lucrative ones, such as in STEM.

Advocacy Our members, supporters and staff work on local, state and federal levels to support laws and policies that enable women's success. Our work in statehouses and the U.S. Capitol has helped pass hundreds of pieces of legislation. Our Legal Advocacy team has supported plaintiffs in more than 125 gender equity legal cases.