

The **American Association of University Women** was founded in 1881 by a group of 17 women who defied conventions of the times and earned college degrees. Founders envisioned an organization uniting female college graduates to help other women attain higher education and find opportunities to put their education and training to use.

Today, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since its founding, members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, economic equity and social problems.

AAUW, with more than 1,000 local branches and over 800 college and university partners, continues to be a catalyst for change. The nonpartisan, nonprofit organization has grown to a national network of more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States.



Membership is open to persons earning a two-year associates degree, bachelors degree, or higher degree.

For those individuals currently pursuing their education, student affiliate memberships are available.

As a member, you belong to not only the Harrisburg Branch but to the state and national organizations. Members are professionals, public officials, volunteers, retirees, and students in every stage of life.

Membership applications are available on-line (URL: <http://www.aauwharrisburg.org>). Or contact the Branch at HarrisburgAAUW@gmail.com.

AAUW is a powerful network. Wherever you go, you can discover a community of friends and professional contacts. Find branches and colleagues nationwide at www.aauw.org (call 800.326.2289).

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Harrisburg Branch

**American Association
of University Women**



Empowering Women Since 1921

AAUW Mission

To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research

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The benefits of belonging to AAUW and the Harrisburg Branch



Be empowered and be a voice on key critical women's and civil rights issues.



Make a difference. Help local women earn a college degree and support the non-profit community through scholarships, programs, and other activities.



Access information on relevant issues, advocacy tools, and opportunities for fellowships, scholarships, grants, and awards.



Network, learn, and lead. Enjoy monthly program meetings, special interest groups, regional, state, and national meetings and conferences. Exercise leadership skills and serve on committees and boards.



Receive information about events and interests of the Harrisburg Branch and state and national organizations.

The **Harrisburg Branch** of AAUW was founded in 1921 and has a rich history of accomplishments and contributions to the area.

For instance, the Branch co-founded the Harrisburg Community Theatre in the 1920's, raised funds for war victims and refugees during World War II, and sponsored the first Allied Arts Festival for Harrisburg in the 1950's.

Additionally, throughout the decades the Branch undertook local studies to help understand and address community issues, formed speaker bureaus, and collaborated on many other projects.

Branch activities and focuses have evolved with the times. However, members remember the obligation to play it forward. The Harrisburg Branch of AAUW continues to support the tri-county community through philanthropy, advocacy, education, scholarships, and research.

Harrisburg Branch members enjoy program meetings and participate in many special interest groups, varying from book clubs to sampling restaurants, taking in film and theatre productions, and exploring cultural attractions on day trips.