



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women.

Education helps women develop skills and knowledge as a pathway to professional opportunities and economic security.

AAUW has supported 13,000 women and organizations in 145 countries to further their academic or career paths and lift up their communities. AAUW's work on Title IX protects students from discrimination and violence at school.

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Ensuring livelihoods for women

Women still don't have equal pay and there are too few women in the highest-paying fields. We must create inclusive career pathways to attain economic security.

LEADERSHIP

Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities.

Women are outnumbered by men in the most prestigious positions, from Capitol Hill to the boardroom. When we cultivate women leaders today, we create a brighter tomorrow. It is time for women's voices to be heard.

ANACORTES BRANCH



The **Anacortes Branch of AAUW** was chartered in 1956, and since its inception has been devoted to providing scholarships to local women and girls as well as educational programs and forums for the Anacortes community.

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Regular membership is available to anyone holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution. Currently, annual dues for the national organization are **\$62***, of which \$59 is tax deductible.

Student Affiliation is available to undergraduate and degree-seeking graduate students attending a qualified educational institution. **Student fees** are **\$18.81***

Shape the Future Campaign:

Participants that join under this program will receive 50% off of their national dues, but this offer is limited to the month we are hosting our booth at Farmers Market.

*** These are national dues and do not include additional state and local dues.**

For Washington state add \$10.00

For Anacortes Branch add \$18.00



FUNDRAISING



Who says fundraising can't be fun?

The Anacortes branch continues to seek new and fun ways for members to raise funds for scholarships and awards. *We encourage members to attend monthly meetings and participate in all fundraising and membership events.*

Tote bag sales continue to bring in revenue from local vendors. Attractive grocery-tote bags made from recycled plastic bottles are for sale at The Market and Johnny Picasso's for \$8. The bags feature full-color scenic photos from the Anacortes area and logos from business sponsor.



Our **Jingle Bell Dash** is a community 5K and 10K run or walk sponsored by the branch in December. The proceeds support **STEM** (Science,

Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) awards and scholarships for middle and high school girls. These awards are given in March based on recommendations made by AHS and AMS teachers.



In 2021 our branch initiated a new event for raising scholarship funds. The Mermen contest invited supporters to submit a merman photo to be included in a calendar, with winners riding on a float in the fourth of July parade. Calendars are available at Marine Supply & Hardware, Johnson Manor, and Johnny Picasso's, as well as on our website. Over \$10,000 was raised the first year!



Tech Trek: STEM camp is hosted each summer by AAUW Washington and supported by AAUW National at two university locations. Our branch solicits funds from local businesses that wish to support STEM careers. Participants share their experience with us at a fall meeting.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ◆ Attend monthly meetings that are open to the public and include interesting speakers on a variety of topics
- ◆ Stay informed and in-touch with a monthly newsletter and photo directory
- ◆ Enjoy social gatherings with members
- ◆ Participate in the annual Book Talk
- ◆ Promote voter education
- ◆ Offer local scholarships and awards to local women; we offer scholarships to women returning to school and pursuing educational certificates
- ◆ Recognize and support middle and high school girls pursuing STEM careers



Our branch hosts a booth at the Farmers Market two Saturdays each summer in August and September. This allows us to share our mission as well as introduce potential members to our organization and promote the advantage of the **SHAPE THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN**

National website: www.aauw.org

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