

## AAUW MEMBERSHIP

51,000 members  
600 branches  
400 college & university partners

### WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership is open to full-time and part-time college students seeking a degree, as well as graduates who have earned an associate degree (or equivalent, e.g. RN), a bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of race, ethnicity, disability, creed, age, income, gender and sexual identity.



*Scholarship Winners*



### AAUW Mission

American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances gender equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

**Empowering women  
since 1881**



For more information and our membership application visit <https://windward-hi.aauw.net>

Through the participation of more than 51,000 members, AAUW policy works to empower women and girls at local, state, national and global levels.

- Civil Rights—advocates for equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society.
- Education—supports a strong public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity.
- Economic Security—advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency.
- Title IX—supports enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights pertaining to education.

Established in 1959, the Windward O'ahu Branch of AAUW is among six branches in the state who advance the goals of AAUW through advocating for civil rights, education and research. Participation in Windward AAUW allows your voice and influence to facilitate change in public policies and education for women and girls. We are concerned about:

- Continuing education for women
- Child and elder care
- Environment and climate change
- Civil rights
- Economic equity for women
- Reproductive rights

## Public Policy

Our Public Policy Committee informs statewide members of national initiatives and legislation in Hawai'i. These initiatives support our mission of advancing equity for women and girls and speak to women's needs, aspirations and concerns across their life span. We actively support bills in our legislature related to women's issues. The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) provides funding for women seeking judicial redress for gender discrimination.

## Scholarship Program

Windward Branch annually awards college scholarships to Windward women with priority given to women of diverse and disadvantaged circumstances or returning to higher education after a hiatus. The first scholarship was awarded in 1970 and has grown to include 329 grants and scholarships totaling \$358,590, given to women who will become tomorrow's leaders.

## Benefits of Membership

- Attend monthly meetings with interesting & topical speakers
- Receive a monthly bulletin
- Participate in stimulating programs
- Influence legislation locally and nationally
- Support community projects
- Be an informed community citizen
- Celebrate a holiday luncheon
- Honor scholarship winners at a spring luncheon

Socially, members enjoy special event luncheons, book and study groups, and community activities with a diverse group of educated women.

## Another Excuse for Lunch

Meets once a month for lunch to encourage fellowship.

## Literature Groups

Two groups meet at different times to accommodate various schedules of members. These book clubs select interesting and stimulating books to read and discuss.

## Great Decisions

This program encourages debate and discussion of important global issues. A briefing book highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans.

## Wonderful Book Exchange

A selection of books donated by members is offered at each meeting. The proceeds of the sale of these books are donated to the Windward O'ahu Branch Scholarship Fund.