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The critical civil rights law requires employers to treat pregnant women the same as other employees with similar abilities or physical limitations. AAUW is watching *AT&T v. Hulteen*, a case recently argued before the Supreme Court involving the Pregnancy Discrimination Act. The court will decide whether women who took pregnancy leave before the passage of the Act should get full service credit for their time on leave when calculating their retirement benefits.

AAUW Celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the Passage of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act



AAUW Branch and State Local Scholarship Clearinghouse planned

Association has announced a new AAUW Branch and State Local Scholarship Clearinghouse Pilot Program.

This voluntary program is a centralized, standardized, online undergraduate scholarship **application posting and processing** initiative that will support your local scholarship program. Participating branches and states post their scholarships and eligibility criteria to the AAUW website, creating a simple, reliable web portal for students seeking funding and making it easy for applicants to find out about your scholarship opportunities and to submit an application online. The clearinghouse processes applicants' information and supporting documents for you. Participating branches and states select their own recipients.

All branches and states that provide scholarships are invited to participate. The program makes managing your scholarship program more convenient, extends your program marketing to a wider student audience, and gives you confidence that the applications you receive

accurate portrayals of the candidates' qualifications.

Best of all, this important program will help us present a more comprehensive picture of the AAUW community's educational philanthropy and will provide us reliable data that we can disseminate publicly to demonstrate the financial support AAUW provides to women at the national, state, and local levels.

**Branches and States
must opt in by
the deadline**

February 28, 2009

The branch/state scholarship application process is scheduled to be online beginning August 1, 2009, at the same time that recruitment for the 2010-11 AAUW Fellowships and Grants programs begins.

How to Participate

This is a totally *voluntary* pilot program for branches and states. An e-mail is being sent broadly to branch/state leaders. In order to participate, you must provide scholarship information

online to AAUW via a dedicated web link: <https://svc.aauw.org/fga/localscholarship/index.cfm?memberid=657385>

Remember that branches/states will continue to establish the eligibility criteria for their own scholarships, such as community of residence, priority for graduating seniors, returning students, etc. Branches and states will also retain the power to select awardees.

If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the data form with the requested information as it pertains to your local scholarship program. This information will be used to determine the eligibility of applicants for your scholarships, so be as specific as possible. The **deadline for submission of the information is February 28, 2009**. Once the application has been developed, there will be additional follow up and collaboration with your branch/state and an opportunity to view the pilot application form before the application launches on the AAUW website on August 1, 2009.

Questions about the program should be sent to localscholarships@aauw.org or connect@aauw.org or you may call AAUW at 800/326-2289.

For more information, visit http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/index.cfm.

AAUW partners with Barnes & Noble

AAUW and Barnes & Noble.com have partnered together to bring you an online bookstore for AAUW members only! When you shop at: www.bn.com/aauw you will automatically get an additional 5% off of the online price of books, music, and DVDs (many titles online are already discounted 10percent to 40 percent!), and free standard domestic shipping on orders of \$25 or more (some restrictions apply).

Our Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Our Diversity Statement: In principle and practice, 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.

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