## **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

# Thank you for expressing an interest in AAUW!

Join today to support yourself and the generations of women to come!

Name:	
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College or Univ:	
Degree(s)*/Month & Year:	

\*Associate's/equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree

I am joining the Branch as:
New Member (\$84)
Dual IL Branch Member (\$12)
Paid Life National Member (\$12)
Student Affiliate (\$21.81)

\* Mail completed form and check (payable to AAUW Crystal Lake Area Branch) to the Membership Vice President: Kathy Dalton, 573 Tamarisk Ln., Crystal Lake, IL 60014



For questions or additional information about membership:

Contact: Kathy Dalton, Membership VP Phone: 815-459-6069 Email: prosim@mc.net

Or Email: Crystallake-IL@aauw.net

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Or find us on Facebook: facebook.com/AAUWCrystalLake/ AAU(0) empowering women since 1881 Welcome to the Crystal Lake Area (IL) Branch of AAUW!

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) empowers women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

The Crystal Lake Area Branch offers:

- Programming to promote the mission of AAUW
- Activities designed to provide education, enrichment, and socialization
- Collaboration with local educational institutions to provide opportunities for women



#### What is the AAUW?

The American Association of University Women began in 1881 with 15 college alumnae. Today's supports and members number approximately 170,000.

AUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

The Crystal Lake Area branch was organized in 1957 and is one of 38 branches in Illinois.

With more than 1,000 branches and 800 college and university partners, AAUW members across the country contribute to a more promising future for women and girls.

Today's AAUW focuses on Pay Equity, Retirement Security, Gender Equity, Financial Literacy, and Social Justice.

AAUW is a catalyst for change and improving women's lives. AAUW provides grants and fellowships to support educational and professional development for women. AAUW also provides legal advocacy and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.



#### Membership

AAUW is a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance. Your membership makes AAUW's powerful voice even stronger on critical issues affecting women and girls.

Membership is open to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Student Affiliation is open to anyone who does not already hold an undergraduate degree and is enrolled in a two-or four-year regionally accredited educational institution.

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.

AAUW National is a 501(c)(3) charitable membership organization. \$59 of your national dues is tax deductible on your personal federal income tax return. (\$16.81 of Student Affiliate is tax deductible)

### **Crystal Lake Area Branch Activities**

The Branch holds monthly membership meetings during the evening on the first Monday of the month in April-May and September – December, and on Saturday morning in February and March. Meetings include programs on topics such as women's issues, history, education, international relations, arts and public policy. The Branch also hosts a special fundraising luncheon in the spring. Guests are welcome to all activities.

The Branch presents scholarships annually to deserving female students at local colleges.

Additional specialized interest groups meet monthly, including: a Bridge Group; morning and evening book groups; a Bunco Group: and a Great Decisions group (that discusses the Foreign Policy Association's annual "Great Decisions" booklet).

The Branch publishes a newsletter and maintains a website and Facebook page to keep members updated on AAUW national and local information and events.