

Dear AAUW Member Leaders,

Happy spring! In this issue of *Membership Matters* we have updates on FY26 national dues that are officially open and the 2025 AAUW national elections that are underway. You'll also find reminders about the FY25 Annual Branch Survey that is now live through June 30, along with new resources to help make the process of filling it out easier. Be sure to explore our new Community Hub tutorials and other tools designed to support your branch's success.

Thank you for your tireless leadership and dedication to advancing AAUW's mission!

Regards,

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AAUW National

FY26 Membership Dues Collection Process Year is Open AAUW National Dues: \$74 (National), \$18.81 (Students), \$1,480 (Lifetime). Fully tax-deductible.

Dues Disbursements: Funds from members who pay online are deposited at the end of the following month via ACH to state/branch bank accounts. Check your email for the disbursement report at the end of the month. Send bank updates to connect@aauw.org.

Renewal Notice Reminders: Branches that have not opted out of having National handle renewal reminders will have emails sent to their members the week of the 20th of each month in conjunction with the schedule below. Finance officers receive confirmations as members pay online.

Month of	Expire Group Reminder #1	Expire Group Reminder #2	Expire Group Reminder #3	Expire Group Reminder #4
Apr 2025	5/31/2025	4/30/2025	03/31/2025	02/28/2025
May 2025	6/30/2025	5/31/2025	4/30/2025	03/31/2025
Jun 2025	7/31/2025	6/30/2025	5/31/2025	4/30/2025
Jul 2025	8/31/2025	7/31/2025	6/30/2025	5/31/2025
Aug 2025	9/30/2025	8/31/2025	7/31/2025	6/30/2025
Sep 2025	10/30/2025	9/30/2025	8/31/2025	7/31/2025
Oct 2025	11/30/2025	10/30/2025	9/30/2025	8/31/2025
Nov 2025	12/31/2025	11/30/2025	10/30/2025	9/30/2025
Dec 2025	1/31/2026	12/31/2025	11/30/2025	10/30/2025
Jan 2026	2/28/2026	1/31/2026	12/31/2025	11/30/2025
Feb 2026	3/31/2026	2/28/2026	1/31/2026	12/31/2025
Mar 2026	4/30/2026	3/31/2026	2/28/2026	1/31/2026

<u>Discounts and Waivers - Coupon Codes</u>

The <u>Shape the Future Campaign</u> discount of 50% off national dues for new members (those entirely new to AAUW or rejoining after two or more years) remains. The coupon code is **STFFY26.** The report of free memberships earned will be available May 5. The coupon codes for AAUW College/University member students are **CUStudentFY26** for Student Associates (undergraduates); **CUGradStudentFY26** for Graduate Students.

AAUW National Elections 2025 April 14 – May 13

Members will receive electronic ballot reminders with their unique voting credentials from our third-party voting service vote@simplyvoting.com. Members without email addresses were mailed paper ballots. Eligible voters are those who were members as of March 14, 2025. Voting closes on May 13, 5pm ET. For voting help, email connect@aauw.org with name and email.

Honorary Lifetime Upgrades

We have completed this year's honorary upgrades for members with 50 years of membership and are emailing acknowledgments to branch leaders. If you have members who joined in 1975 or prior who are not listed on your roster as honorary lifetime, please complete the honorary life application form. Congratulations honorary members and thanks for your dedication!

<u>Annual Branch Survey Now Open: Submit by June 30</u>

Big thanks to branches that have already submitted — your input drives AAUW's progress and keeps us aligned with strategic goals. **Deadline: June 30**

Haven't submitted yet? No worries — we've got you covered:

- <u>Downloadable PDF</u> of survey questions to help you prep
- Step-by-step checklist for easy completion

Find both on the <u>Five Star Program page</u>.

What's next: In May, we'll roll out the updated FY26 Five Star Criteria via email and in the next *Membership Matters* — so you can start planning ahead.

P.S. Want to be a Policy Star? See how AAUW members are advancing equity through advocacy and public policy. Your branch can join the fight with real, replicable actions.

February 1 Count

Please check your inbox for your state reports. If you did not receive it, you can access the report from our website here. As always, report any discrepancies.

Officers Needed by June 30 – Don't Lose Your Hub Access Rights

Affiliate president/administrator, membership VP, and finance officers can update officers in the hub. Even if an officer is returning, please update their term end dates. The deadline is June 30.

How to update:

- 1. Log in to Community Hub
- 2. Go to MY AFFILIATIONS
- 3. Click the button next to your affiliate name
- 4. Choose Manage Roster
- 5. Select STATE or BRANCH COMMITTEE
- 6. Follow the on-screen instructions

Heads-up: If an officer's term ends early, email connect@aauw.org

AAUW Backs Civil Rights Coalition Pact

AAUW joined <u>The Pact: A Civil Rights Coalition Unity Commitment</u>, a civil rights coalition response to escalating threats from the Trump administration. With over <u>170 public events planned</u> to mark the administration's 100th day next week, we urge branches to <u>review our new demonstration guidance</u>. AAUW also launched two new funds — Public Policy and Defend Higher Education. We encourage you to watch the training on <u>meeting with lawmakers</u> and check out our <u>policy updates</u>.

Upcoming Strategic Plan Events

Join us for two key events as we unveil AAUW's new strategic direction:

Strategic Plan: Leadership Briefing | Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. ET Get a first look at our strategic priorities and how your leadership plays a key role. Register here.

Strategic Plan Launch | Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. ET Learn how members, branches, and states can align with our future vision. Register here.

Community Hub Spotlights

Honorary Membership: It is not recommended that honorary members self-renew. A branch manager should renew an honorary member in the Community Hub if they are charged state dues.

Using Join Individuals? You can process up to 4 members (new, lapsed, or transfers) in one transaction — as long as they're all paying the same rate.

NCCWSL/NASPA Updates

May 28-30, 2025, at the University of Maryland, College Park. Registration is open! <u>Visit NASPA's website to register.</u> <u>Visit AAUW's website for the FAQ</u>

<u>Finance Officers Must Respond — Don't Lose Your IRS Tax-Exempt Status</u>

All AAUW-affiliated entities must file an annual IRS return. If your gross receipts are \$50K or less, AAUW can file the 990-N for the tax year ending 6/30/2025. Submit the group exemption from April 16 – October 15.

How: Watch our five-minute step-by-step <u>990N Request Video</u>.

Important Note: If you do not qualify to file the 990-N, explore other options (e.g., 990, 990EZ, or 990PF) at <u>irs.gov</u>.

<u>Webinar Recording: Building a Stronger AAUW – Tips for</u> <u>Branch Fundraising Success</u>

If you missed it live, now's your chance to catch the <u>Building a Stronger AAUW</u>: <u>Tips for Branch Fundraising Success webinar</u>. Hosted by the AAUW Advancement Committee, this informative session is packed with practical guidance to help branches strengthen their fundraising efforts. You can find this webinar and other past webinars on the <u>AAUW YouTube page</u>.

<u>Plan for Upcoming Events with AAUW's Speaker Request</u> <u>Form</u>

Planning a state convention, branch meeting, or special program? Elevate it with a guest speaker from AAUW National.

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- Insights on national initiatives, policy priorities & more
- Content tailored to your audience

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Members Not Receiving Messages from AAUW

Share this resubscribe link with members who are not receiving AAUW emails: https://secure.everyaction.com/p/8fvkDOF_gkmwgUN5RDy1tw2.

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