



# AAUW in Action:

## Be a Policy Star!

AAUW has a long history of advocating for policies that advance equity in education, economic security, and civil rights. Now more than ever, branches can have a critical impact in the fight for equity.

The **AAUW Five-Star Program** recognizes branches that take meaningful action to advance our mission of equity for women and girls. Earning a Public Policy & Advocacy Star demonstrates a commitment to non-partisan advocacy aligned with **AAUW Public Policy Priorities**.

How can your branch take action? Get inspired by real examples from AAUW members around the country! Several of these examples also count towards the Programming Star.





**LEARN**

## Deepen your understanding of key issues.

**AAUW Boise Area (ID)** branch hosted a conversation with a parent of a transgender youth to explore gender identity, current state and federal laws, and how to be a better advocate.

**AAUW Manhattan (KS)** branch hosted city commissioners and staff from the U.S. Senator's office for a roundtable discussion on AAUW's mission and AAUW of Kansas legislative priorities.



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## Build coalitions and be allies.

**AAUW Indiana County (PA)** branch partnered with a local theater for a free public screening of *Ratified*, a documentary on Virginia's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

**AAUW Birmingham (AL)** branch visited the Hispanic and Immigration Center of Alabama (HICA) to learn how they support immigrant families with community resources.



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## Engage in the policy process.

**AAUW of California** launched a School Board Project to mobilize members to speak out at school board meetings against book banning, curriculum censorship, and anti-LGBTQ+ policies.

**AAUW Northwest Valley (AZ)** branch trained members on the state's "Request to Speak" program, enabling them to submit comments and request to speak on bills in committee.

**AAUW of Virginia** holds an annual lobby day at the state capitol to educate lawmakers on AAUW issues, including public education, paid sick leave, abortion rights, and voting rights.

## Ready to Earn a Policy Star?

Start today by implementing one of these strategies in your branch. You can find upcoming key dates in *Mission & Action* to help align your policy activities with timely opportunities for action. Share your branch's policy activities through the **Report-Back Form** so we can uplift your work!

For additional resources and to join the AAUW Action Network, visit [www.aauw.org/act](http://www.aauw.org/act).

