



Dear AAUW Member Leaders,

As we move into spring, we're excited to bring you key updates and reminders to support your branch's continued success. In this issue, you'll find information on **FY26 national dues and rate changes**, along with details about the **Five Star Program** and the **April 1 launch of the Annual Branch Survey**. We also provide guidance on the **February 1 Count**, give information on upcoming **national elections**, and **officer updates** to ensure your branch is aligned and informed.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to AAUW's mission—we appreciate all that you do!

Warm regards,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katrina".

Katrina Sun Breese  
Senior Director of Institutional Advancement

## **FY26 Membership Dues Collection Process**

The FY26 National Dues Year opens April 1, kicking off the (FY26) membership dues collection process for AAUW branches.

**FY26 National Dues:** As of April 1 are \$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 the state/branch bank accounts. Check your email for disbursement report from [infosf@aauw.org](mailto:infosf@aauw.org) at the end of the month. Email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) for bank info updates.

**Renewal Notice Reminders:** Branches that have not opted out to have National send renewal reminder emails, will be sent to members during 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
March 2025	4/30/2025	03/31/2025	02/28/2025	01/31/2025
April 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
June 2025	7/31/2025	6/30/2025	5/31/2025	4/30/2025
July 2025	8/31/2025	7/31/2025	6/30/2025	5/31/2025
August 2025	9/30/2025	8/31/2025	7/31/2025	6/30/2025
September 2025	10/30/2025	9/30/2025	8/31/2025	7/31/2025
October 2025	11/30/2025	10/30/2025	9/30/2025	8/31/2025
November 2025	12/31/2025	11/30/2025	10/30/2025	9/30/2025
December 2025	1/31/2026	12/31/2026	11/30/2025	10/30/2025
January 2026	2/28/2026	1/31/2026	12/31/2025	11/30/2025
February 2026	3/31/2026	2/28/2026	1/31/2025	12/31/2025
March 2026	4/30/2026	3/31/2026	2/28/2026	1/31/2025

### **Discounts and Waivers - Coupon Codes**

The [Shape the Future Campaign](#) discount of 50% off national dues for new members (those entirely new to AAUW or rejoining after having lapsed for two or more years) remains in effect. The coupon code for FY26 effective 4/1 will be **STFFY26**. The FY26 coupon codes for AAUW College/University member students are **CUStudentFY26** for Student Associates (undergraduates) and **CUGradStudentFY26** for Graduate Students effective 4/1.

### **AAUW National Elections 2025 Opens April 14**

Voting opens on April 14 noon, ET. Members will receive an electronic ballot with their unique voting credentials from [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com), our third-party voting service. Add this email address to your safe sender list to ensure your ballot reaches you. Members without an email address on file will receive a paper ballot. Eligible voters are those who were members as of March 14, 2025. Voting closes on May 13, 5pm ET.

### **Honorary Lifetime Upgrades**

We recently completed this year's honorary upgrades for members with 50 years of membership. Letters and certificates will be sent in April to branch President/Administrators, Membership VPs, and Finance Officers. If you have

members who joined in 1975 or earlier, who are not listed on your roster as honorary lifetime, please email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org). Congratulations to all honorary members and thank you for your dedication and support!

## **📌 FY25 Annual Branch Survey Launches April 1**

The survey will be open and be sent to branch presidents April 1 – June 30 on the [Five Star Program](#). This gives current branch leaders time to track progress in programming, advocacy, and fundraising before the fiscal year ends. Be sure to share with your membership.

**What's next:** FY26 survey criteria will be released in May. Details will appear in the next *Membership Matters*.

**Our goal:** 100% branch participation as this is now a required branch activity. Take this time to prepare, submit, and get recognized.

**P.S.** Is your branch ready to be a [Policy Star](#) in the fight for equity? Learn how you can take action with real examples of public policy and advocacy activities from AAUW members around the country.

## **February 1 Count**

Please check your inbox early next week for your state reports. As always, report any discrepancies.

## **Officer Updates Begin April 1**

Affiliate president/administrator, membership VP, and finance officers can make updates. The deadline is June 30. Even if an officer is returning, update their next term to start July 1, 2025.

### **How to update:**

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

**Heads-up:** If an officer's term ends early, email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org)

## **Responding to Attacks on Education**

AAUW remains steadfast in its commitment to higher education. [Read our statement here](#). In response, We have launched two new funds: the Public Policy Fund and the Defend Higher Education Fund. [Share with your members and donate here](#). If members are looking to take more action to protect higher education, [urge them to write to members of Congress](#).

## **Community Hub Spotlights**

A member's **Join On** date may update if:

- They **rejoin** after a lapse

- A **new account** is created for them
- You use **Join Individuals** to renew an existing member

**Action needed:** Check the Join On column in your exported roster. If you spot any unexpected changes, notify National.

**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! [Visit NASPA's website to register.](#) [Visit AAUW's website for the FAQ](#)

## **Finance Officers Must Respond — Don't Lose Your Tax-Exempt Status**

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:**

1. Log in to Community Hub
2. Go to MY AFFILIATIONS
3. Click the button next to your affiliate name
4. Select TAX INFORMATION → ADD NEW TAX DETAILS
  - a. *Principal officer = Finance Officer*

**Important Note:** If you do not qualify to file the 990-N, explore other options (e.g., 990, 990EZ, or 990PF) at [irs.gov](https://irs.gov). Watch [990N Request Video!](#)

## **Share These Webinar Opportunities**

AAUW always has webinars on deck for our members. Check out the [2025 Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative \(WEEI\) Webinar schedule](#) for live training courses. Also, amid growing attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion, AAUW is taking action. Join one or all sessions to stay informed!

- **Building A Stronger AAUW** | April 1, 7:00 p.m. ET [Register Here](#)
- **AAUW Advocacy Strategies for In-District Meetings** | April 8, 7:00 p.m. ET [Register Here](#)
- **Funding Futures: Understanding Changes to Sex and Gender-Based Scholarship Programs** | April 15, 7:00 p.m. ET [Register Here](#)

Did you miss our 3/26 webinar, Standing Strong Against Attacks on Equity in Education? [Check out the recording here](#) to learn about policy changes in education, how they impact women and marginalized communities, and how AAUW is taking action to defend equity.

## **Plan for Upcoming Events with AAUW's Speaker Request Form**

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

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