

Website update

AAUW 2025-2026 Fellowships & Grants

Missouri Sponsors

In the 2025-26 academic year, AAUW awarded over \$5.3 Million in fellowships and grants to 228 women scholars and community projects. AAUW's longstanding commitment to empowering women in higher education and professional fields remains unshaken in the face of the current pervasive dismantling of educational equity in America. Despite ongoing challenges, AAUW continues to stand firm as a lifeline for scholars navigating political headwinds. AAUW will continue to persist in the face of academic backlash because all women deserve equitable access to education. There are 14 endowments established by AAUW Missouri, AAUW Missouri Branches, and AAUW Missouri members sponsoring fellowships and grants each year.

American Fellowships

Bridget Kelly (Washington University, St. Louis, MO)

#1608 Leona J. Beckmann

Abigail Escatel (University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA)

#1061 Vassie J. Hill

International Fellowships

Jolie Kpaka Sifa (Missouri State University, Springfield, MO)

#1148 Blanche H. Dow

Manisha Garg (University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, Urbana, IL)

#1168 Chloe E. Millikan

Janet Husunukpe (University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, Champaign, IL)

#1172 Mary Alice Parrish

Career Development Grants/Community Action Grants

Lejla Bajgoric (Wayne State University, Detroit, MI)

#1364 Independence (MO) Branch

#4009 Missouri Diamond Jubilee

Jessica Stack (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN)

#1465 Missouri State Division Anniversary

#4037 F. Elaine Richardson Fund (MO 2003-04)

Advocates for Women's and Kids' Equality (AWAKE), Nashville, TN)

#4112 Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch

Corina Lujan (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN)

#4280 Maryville (MO) Branch/Opal Eckert

Johanna Willingham (Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS)

#1768 Ferguson-Florissant (MO) Branch/Shirley Breeze

#4286 Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) Branch Silver Anniversary

Tulsa Air and Space Museum (Tulsa, OK)

#1639 Kansas City (MO) Branch/Dora Johnson

Recipients' information and photos can be found in the Fellowships & Grant Directory located on the AAUW website.

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