

AAUW NC Mini-Grants: 2006-2007

Introduction

AAUW NC will offer branch mini-grants, thus giving branches access to funds not usually available to them. A total of \$2000 is available to be awarded to multiple applicants.

We encourage action-oriented projects or other meaningful branch proposals that promote the mission of AAUW and/or current national and state themes. We look for impact on the local community. However, awards may be made for branch infrastructure and outreach programs, particularly if they are tied to building the capacity of the branch to do community action projects in the future.

Reminders:

Mission: AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

Diversity statement: There are no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Vision: We will remove barriers and develop opportunities to enable women and girls to reach their full potential.

AAUW theme: Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security

AAUW NC theme: Open the Gates!

Remove Barriers to Equity. Improve Access to Education. Embrace Change.

Application Timeline

The application can be made at any time. The executive committee, with advice from the appropriate leadership team(s), will decide on the award within six weeks after the application is completed.

Grant Limits

The amounts of the grants will be at the discretion of the judges taking into consideration the justification provided by the branches. No more than \$2000 will be awarded before June 30, 2007 without the approval of the board. The board will be responsible for including a limit in each year's budget.

Applications will be accepted for the following types of projects with the following limits:

1. Community action, public policy and social justice projects
This project must involve an event or other activity that reaches nonmembers.
Limit: \$500
2. Other projects that increase branch capacity
Limit: \$100
3. Travel funds that increase branch "connection" to AAUW NC or other branches
Limit: \$50

Application Process

The application must contain the following information:

Project Title

Branch Name

Name/Phone/e-mail for Branch President.

Name/Phone/e-mail for Project Leader/Traveler (if different)

For applications for the \$500 community action and \$100 branch capacity projects, include

1. Concise project description
2. Specific long term goal(s) that this project addresses. These should be tied to the mission, vision or themes referenced above.
3. Specific action steps that this grant will fund with estimates of actual costs and the time frame.
4. Background on other branch efforts to address the goal. (Include other action steps where applicable.)
5. Discussion of why this money is needed and what other funds are available to address the goal. A simple budget is applicable here.
6. Discussion of how will you know whether the action steps get you closer to your goal(s).
7. A date (no more than 12 months after the date of the application) when the project will be completed and the final report submitted.

For the \$50 travel grants, include

1. Specifics of the travel: who, when, where, why, and how
2. Estimate of the actual travel costs and what other (matching) funds are available.
3. How this travel will benefit the branch

Send the completed packet to minigrants@aauwnc.org. If you cannot submit the information via e-mail, please FAX it to 866-525-2155 (toll free).

Other notes

The judges will award grants based on

1. Application containing all the requested information
2. Amounts requested and financial justification for those amounts
3. Preference for new projects
4. Expected impact for the benefit of AAUW NC and its branches

Grants will be payable to the branch and sent to the branch treasurer.

There is no requirement that the judges distribute all the allocated funds. They may make awards for less than the requested amounts.

Any branch receiving an award is required to submit a final report that includes:

1. Summary of how the funds were used
2. Evaluation of progress toward the long term goal
3. Any specific benefits that the project brought to the branch or AAUW NC.
4. Links to web articles about the project or other external documentation

This report should be submitted within two weeks of the completion of the project, and any branch that has not submitted a report by the deadline specified in their application, will be asked to return the funds.

AAUW NC 2006-2007 Branch Recognition Program

DUE DATE: May 15, 2007

Completed forms should be sent to: Barbara White, AAUW NC Membership VP

Email or fax preferred: barbarawhite628@hotmail.com, 866-525-2155

If absolutely necessary, mail to: 1008 Girder Court, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Branch: .	Tentative score: <i>Yes, tell us what YOU think your score is!</i>
Name:	Branch position:
Phone number:	E-mail:

1. Membership/Leadership Development (20 points max)

- Increased membership by 5% (2/1/2007 over 2/1/2006) (5 pts)
- Retained 80% of 05-06 members for 06-07 (5 pts)
- Recruited two board members who had not served before (5 pts)
- Conducted at least one specific event/project to reach out to a more diverse population (10 pts)
- The total number of branch members in attendance at the 4 state meetings (2006 Convention, Summer 2006, Fall 2006, 2007 Convention) is more than 20% of the number of members on 2/1/2006. (5 pts)
One person attending the 4 meetings or 4 people attending 1 meeting both count as 4. So a branch with 50 members and 3 people who attended each of the 4 meetings would meet this criterion.
- At least one branch member attended the 2006 Regional Meeting or is registered for the 2007 AAUW Convention (5 pts)

2. Advocacy (10 points max)

- The branch organized a candidate forum. (10 pts)
- The branch prepared and distributed a voter guide (10 pts)
- At least one member attended 2006 or 2007 Women's Advocacy Day (5 pts)
- At least one member attended a local Women's Agenda Assembly (5 pts)
- Branch members helped organize a local Women's Agenda Assembly (10 pts)
- Branch members contacted elected officials on AAUW issues by letter/e-mail/phone (5 pts)
- The local newspaper published a letter to the editor from a branch member on an AAUW issue (10 pts)
- The branch discussed **Blood Done Sign My Name** as encouraged by 2006 NC Convention (5 pts)
- The branch had a program on IFUW and AAUW's international role as encouraged by 2006 NC Convention (5 pts)
- Other advocacy activity (Please describe. Judges will award 5-10 pts)

3. Fundraising (10 points)

- \$25/member total contributions (8 pts)
Total your 1/1/2006 – 12/30/2006 contributions to EF/LAF/LTI/Association/Local Scholarships and divide by 2/1/2006 membership count.
- Branch or at least 1 member joined AAUW NC 100 Club with \$100+ donation (2 pts)

4. Communication (10 points max)

- Sent newsletter/e-newsletter to branch members at least 4 times a year (5 pts)
- Maintained branch website with information for the public (5 pts)
- Cultivated the local media with regular press releases (5 pts)

5. Administration (10 points)

- Turned in Branch Officer Report by June 1 (3 pts)
- Submitted Branch Dues Report by June 30 (4 pts)
- Distributed branch yearbook (programs and directory) to members by November 1 (3 pts)

6. Events (20 points)

- Regular (at least quarterly) meetings, open to the public with varied topics (5 pts)
- At least one special event with significant attendance by nonmembers (10 pts)
- Series of interest groups meetings that fit the needs of members (5 pts)

7. Action (20 points for checking any one).

In some cases, a special event checked in #6 can also qualify as a "project." In this section, however, be sure the event is focused on education/equity. For instance a fashion show fundraiser may qualify in #6 (and be important in raising visibility), but not in #7. Call 866-525-2155 if you have a question.

- Voter education project
- Project to benefit the schools/students
- Other community oriented project that advances the mission. Please describe:

If the project is one of AAUW's Choices Portfolio (TechCheck, Transitions, etc.), please specify:

8. Bonus Question (20 points max):

The program theme for AAUW NC is "Open the Gates," with a challenge to remove barriers to equity, improve access to education and embrace change. Describe how you opened the gates to members of your community.

Comments or other notes.

Use this space to explain if you may have claimed/not claimed a check box and aren't sure that you made the right decision, or to give us suggestions on this process.

AAUW NC 100 Club

Name:	Branch:
Street Address:	City, State Zip:
e-mail:	Phone:

1. I am making a donation of _____ to AAUW of North Carolina.
 My check is enclosed
 Please send me an e-mail invoice so I may pay online with a credit card or PayPal.

2. Designation (for gifts of at least \$100)

This gift is in honor of:

This gift is in memory of:

Please give us the address where we should send an announcement of your gift:

3. Your gift supports AAUW's work for education and equity for women and girls in North Carolina, the work of its branches through AAUW NC mini-grants, and the work of its coalition partners. Thank you for your support.

Please forward with your check, payable to AAUW NC, to
AAUW NC Treasurer, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, 7068 Lanier Rd., Summerfield, NC
27358

Requests for e-mail invoices may be sent to treasurer@aauwnc.org

*Donations to AAUW NC, a 501(c)(4) organization,
are not deductible as charitable contributions.*

**AAUW NC 100 Club
Application Work Sheet: 100 Hours**

1. Fill out the summary information:

Name:	Branch:
e-mail:	Phone:

I have contributed at least 100 hours to AAUW (branch, state and/or national) during calendar year 20__.

Branch meetings: _____ (max 20)

State meetings: _____ (max 20)

National/Regional Meetings _____ (max 20)

Other projects (please describe below) _____
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Total: _____

Project descriptions and the estimated time for each. (Use an additional sheet if required):

2. Have this information confirmed by someone who has worked with you:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

[You may forward this in e-mail rather than signing this document.]

3. Forward to your branch president or send directly to
AAUW NC President, president@aauwnc.org, FAX: 866-525-2155.

AAUW NC 100 Club Branch Summary Sheet

Name:	Branch:
e-mail:	Phone:

If you are not the branch president, please explain briefly why you are completing this form:

The following members of the branch have contributed at least \$100 to AAUW NC during the calendar year: 20__

Name	Amount
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Use additional sheets as necessary. If any qualify based on contributions other than cash, please attach a copy of the worksheet or other explanation. Note that unreimbursed expenses may not be counted if a reimbursement form has not been submitted to the AAUW NC Treasurer.

The following members of the branch have contributed at least 100 hours to AAUW in 2004.:

Name	Estimated Hours
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Use additional sheets as necessary and please attach a brief description of the projects that these people worked on. Note that attendance at meetings can count for no more than 60 hours total per person (20 each at local, state and national/regional levels).

Forward this form and any supporting documentation to

AAUW NC President, president@aauwnc.org, FAX: 866-525-2155

If you must return this in US Mail, please look up the president's address in the directory.

AAUW NC Contributions
Jan. 1 - Sep. 30, 2006

Sum of amt	Corp					# members		
branch	EF	LAF	ASSN	LTI	Grand Total	2/1/06	PerCapita	
Asheville	147		500	300	947	153	6	
Brevard			50	255	305	121	3	
Bryson City				30	30	14	2	
Chapel Hill	50		100	55	205	66	3	
Charlotte	460			90	550	53	10	
Cherokee County				20	20	7	3	
Eden				45	45	17	3	
Franklin County	100				100	7	14	
Gaston Regional	800			25	825	19	43	
Greensboro	523		80	205	808	80	10	
Hendersonville	550		790	180	1520	118	13	
High Point	25		5	10	40	17	2	
Jacksonville Regional				35	35	17	2	
Raleigh-Wake County	746		669	355	1894	48	39	
Salisbury				65	65	37	2	
Sandhills-Southern Pines	90		25	65	180	35	5	
Statesville	80		95	30	205	35	6	
Tryon Area	45			80	125	57	2	
Twin Rivers	15			50	65	21	3	
Wilmington	90		240	120	450	81	6	
Winston-Salem	2327		212	195	2734	55	50	
Grand Total	6048		2766	2210	11148	1058	11	

AAUW NC Contributions
Jan. 1 - Sep. 30, 2006

EF Detail	Fund Description					
branch	1429-Charlotte	4051-Chipley	9110-EF	9130-Amer.	9170-ERF	Grand Total
Asheville			92	55		147
Chapel Hill				50		50
Charlotte	460					460
Franklin County				100		100
Gaston Regional			750	50		800
Greensboro				98	225	200
Hendersonville				535	15	550
High Point				25		25
Raleigh-Wake County			330	216	100	746
Sandhills-Southern Pines				90		90
Statesville				80		80
Tryon Area				45		45
Twin Rivers					15	15
Wilmington					90	90
Winston-Salem				2302	25	2327
Total	460		1172	3566	550	300

E-Newsletter December 2006

This summary was posted to the AAUW NC e-mail list and sent to the branch presidents.

- 12/03/2006: [Notes from other NC Women United Members](#)
Justice Center seminars; NC NOW signature ad for reproductive choice
- 12/01/2006: [Fundraising news and notes – how is your branch doing?](#)
Association/Foundation summaries through 9/30/06
- 12/01/2006: [December Federal Public Policy Update](#)
News from Association Public Policy Department
- 11/29/2006: [Education Programs for Drop-Out Students](#)
Resources of interest
- 11/21/2006: [AAUW NC Policies](#)
Posting of Policy Statement as approved at October board meeting
- 11/21/2006: [AAUW Press Release](#)
Sample Anniversary Press release — if your celebration is delayed, check this out.
- 11/16/2006: [An AAUW Anniversary Project](#)
More Anniversary information
- 11/16/2006: [Who's supported by the the NC endowment funds?](#)
Find out which scholars are being supported by NC Endowments for 2006–2007
- 11/14/2006: [News from the NC Justice Center](#)
New resource for NC public policy information.
- 11/13/2006: [AAUW/JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL BRANCH NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER](#)
- 11/12/2006: [125th Anniversary – celebrate it on public radio!](#)
- 11/11/2006: [The Year of the Woman Leader](#)
- 11/09/2006: [Nov. 8 Election News from AAUW Washington](#)
- 11/07/2006: [Volunteer wanted: Regional liaison for STEM projects](#)
New NSF funded project will encourage networking among projects
- 11/02/2006: [What's at stake for women in Nov. 2006](#)
Pre-election speech by Lisa Maatz
- 10/29/2006: [Presentation of Juvenile Literature Award](#)
See pictures of the winner
- 10/27/2006: [Elements of a Leandro Compliant School](#)
Background discussed at the fall meeting
- 10/24/2006: [Supplementary material on education as promised on 10/21](#)
More background for teh Women's Agenda Assembly
- 10/24/2006: [Lisa Maatz video available](#)
See also 11/02
- 10/21/2006: [Pictures from today ...](#)
The attendees at the Statesville meeting
- 10/20/2006: [Communications committee report – part 1](#)
Information on change to format of Tar Heel News
- 10/17/2006: [Education Leadership Training Institute](#)
Training opportunity
- 10/17/2006: [Updates to board meeting information](#)
If you missed the board meeting, please do check this out.
- 10/15/2006: [Fundraising October Report 2006](#)
Fundraising report for the board meeting
- 10/13/2006: [AAUW/JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL BRANCH OCTOBER 2006 NEWSLETTER](#)
- 10/08/2006: [Corrected Board Minutes March 31, 2006](#)
- 10/07/2006: [Juvenile Literature Award winner announced](#)
- 10/07/2006: [Membership matters](#)
Information from AAUW NC Membership Vice President
- 10/06/2006: [Information for Campus Action Project 2006–07](#)
- 10/05/2006: [Report from the Events Team](#)
- 10/05/2006: [A Time for Celebration, Action and Renewal](#)
Message from the Great Lakes Region about changes at the Association
- 10/03/2006: [Free research reports for branches to give away](#)
This program has expired.
- 10/03/2006: [Educational Foundation Fellows in NC](#)
- 10/02/2006: [How to post to this system.](#)

Step-by-Step on how to post your branch newsletter

09/30/2006: [Flyer for the October 21 Women's Agenda Assembly in Statesville](#)

This was also in the Tar Heel News.

09/29/2006: [Proposed revision to the Policy Document](#)

See the 11/21 post for what was adopted

09/26/2006: [A few announcements for the fall meetings](#)

09/26/2006: [Branch presidents mailing](#)

The information sent to the presidents is also online

09/24/2006: [Rep. Justice to speak in Wilmington](#)

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