

AAUW Tennessee's Services to Its Branches and Members

AAUW Tennessee was founded in 1926 to further AAUW purposes and policies and to promote, encourage, and coordinate the work of the branches within the state. The state serves its branches and members in a number of ways.

Branch Networking—There are nine AAUW Branches in the state of Tennessee. AAUW Tennessee works to keep branches connected through the following:

State Convention	State Newsletter Publications	Facebook
Summer Leadership Summit	State Website	Twitter

Branch Assistance—The state provides support for branches in the following ways:

- Assistance with Bylaws Revision—The state Bylaws Chair alerts branch presidents when bylaws revisions are needed and assists branches with meeting national requirements for bylaws.
- Assistance with Membership—The state Membership Chair is available to help branches with new membership recruitment and membership retention.
- Assistance with Mission-based Programing—The state leadership encourages branches to focus on the mission of AAUW through branch programming.
- Assistance with Social Media—The state Communications Committee works with branches to provide webinars and tip sheets on how best to use social media.

Leadership Training and Opportunities—The state has twelve leadership roles to fill each year and invites branch members to run for elected offices and to apply for appointed offices, giving members the opportunity to build on their leadership skills. Also the annual *AAUW-TN Summer Leadership Summit* gives essential leadership training. Every other year, the state provides funds for two state leaders to attend the national convention where they prepare for their state leadership roles.

Public Policy Resource—The state Public Policy Program focuses on issues, such as equal pay for equal work, important to all AAUW members in the state. The state Public Policy Committee invites and assists branches in planning advocacy activities and events and provides branches with materials to support those activities and events, such as the *Tennessee Voter Registration Guide* and position papers on public policy issues. The state Public Policy Committee also offers branch members opportunities to participate in public policy initiatives through the following:

- Responses to Action Alerts
- Group meetings with state legislators
- Grants to branches for public policy work

AAUW-TN NCCWSL Scholarships—The state invites branches to nominate college students for AAUW-TN Scholarships to attend the annual National Conference for College Women Leaders. The scholarship covers the student's conference fee and is supported by the state's NCCWSL fund raising activities.

Communication with AAUW Members-at-Large in Tennessee— The state also encourages National Members in Tennessee to support AAUW's mission by staying in communication with them. MALs receive state newsletters, invitations to state meetings, and most other notices that branch members receive. Many of our state national members were previously members of branches that are now disbanded or live in areas where there is not a branch.

The state organization supports the work of its branches and recognizes that a strong AAUW presence in Tennessee depends on the communication, collaboration, and coordination between branch and state. The state leadership values branch representation on the state board of directors where as members of the Advisory Committee, branch representatives have an important role in determining the goals and programs of the state.