



AAUW's College and University (CU) Membership Frequently Asked Questions

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1. How much are dues for CU Membership?

Dues are \$250 per year.

2. Why were dues for CU Membership raised this year?

CU dues have not changed for many years. Costs for AAUW national rise each year, yet dues have not kept pace. Dues across all membership categories cover only 15-20% of the annual budget and do not cover the total costs of servicing membership. The recent increase is necessary to allow us to serve you and the whole AAUW network as best as possible.

3. What are the benefits of CU Membership? Have they changed?

- **Virtual Trainings:** Students, staff, and faculty from our member institutions get FREE access to salary negotiation, financial literacy, and voter education training.
- **A Community of Activists:** AAUW members are provided access to the tools, resources, and training you need to advocate for gender equity issues and make their voices heard in Congress, at their statehouse, and in the ballot box.
- **Individual Memberships:** A College/University Membership comes with two Individual National Memberships for Staff or Faculty. Additionally - undergraduates and degree-seeking graduates can become student associates for FREE!
- **Discounts and Perks:** AAUW offers a variety of discounts for our members, including a free 1-year subscription to Ms. Magazine! Learn more here: www.aauw.org/discounts-and-perks

All benefits available previously remain available – a new benefit is access to the Virtual Trainings.

4. How do I know if a college or university is a member? How do I find the CU members in my state?

To find current AAUW CU members, please visit our CU Directory here:

<https://my.aauw.org/collegeuniversitydirectory>

5. How much is a student membership? Who qualifies as a student?

Undergraduates or degree-seeking graduates enrolled in full-time or part-time programs can join AAUW at a special low rate and enjoy a range of benefits to help them succeed on campus and after graduation. AAUW dues are fully tax deductible.

Student Membership Dues (College/University Member School): FREE

Student Membership Dues (Non-College/University Member School): \$18.81/annual

6. If the degree requirement changes – how does this impact student membership?

Student membership dues do not change if the degree requirement for membership changes. Students who do not yet have an Associates or Bachelor's degree would receive full membership benefits, not currently available to them, should the degree-requirement be lifted (ie: have the ability to vote in AAUW National Bylaws elections).

7. How do students at CU member institutions sign up?

Students can join or renew online here:

https://my.aauw.org/NC_Login?startURL=%2Fonlinejoin Additional instructions are available in our How to Join FREE AAUW Student Members 1-page guide, included in this toolkit.

8. What benefits are available to staff and faculty at a CU member campus? Do they get free membership?

Each AAUW CU Member Campus receives two AAUW Individual National Memberships – state and branch dues are separate and vary by location. These two members are known as our CU Representatives. Additional staff and faculty interested in joining AAUW join at the full rate of \$72 (as of FY24).

All staff and faculty at CU member campuses have access to the Virtual Trainings made available by AAUW National, including Salary Negotiation (Work Smart), Financial Literacy (Money Smart), and Voter Education programs.

9. Why should a college or university sign up to be an AAUW CU member?

By joining AAUW, your college or university joins a **network of over 450 institutions** committed to our vision of *equity for all*. AAUW's membership also includes over 50,000 individuals and 700+ branches across the country.

AAUW awards over \$6 million each year in fellowships and grants to nearly 300 women pursuing graduate-level studies and community projects. Our branches also support hundreds of college women with undergraduate scholarships and free registration to attend our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

Our dues are affordable and our benefits can be shared across students, staff, and faculty.

10. How does a college or university sign up to be a member?

To join AAUW online, please visit: https://my.aauw.org/NC_Login?startURL=%2Fonlinejoin

11. How can I or my branch work with colleges and universities to promote AAUW?

- Encourage your local college and universities to join AAUW. (see the CU Membership Brochure and the AAUW CU Member Join/Renew Instructions in the CU Member Toolkit)
- Share information about AAUW's Fellowships and Grants Program; AAUW is the largest non-institutional funder of women's graduate education in the U.S!
<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>
- Encourage CU member campuses to have their students sign up to be members for free. (see the How to Join FREE AAUW Student Members 1-page guide)

- Encourage CU member campuses to promote the virtual trainings available to their students, staff, and faculty (see the WEEI – Women’s Economic Empowerment Initiative - flyers for students, staff and faculty in this toolkit)
- Promote the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) – both to potential attendees and presenters. Many branches offer scholarships and other financial support to attend. To learn more and share: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/nccwsl/>
- Plan mission-centered programming through your branch: invite students, staff, and faculty to attend and learn more about AAUW and our mission.
- Share Two-Minute Activist with students, staff, and faculty at colleges and universities via email or at events: <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>
- Unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. AAUW’s Legal Advocacy Fund addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change. Learn more here: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/legal/laf/>
- AAUW offers a variety of free resources, research reports, policy information, and past webinars available to the general public on our website:
 - Explore the Issues: <https://www.aauw.org/issues/>
 - Get Empowered: <https://www.aauw.org/get-empowered/>
 - Take Action: <https://www.aauw.org/act/>

12. Who do I contact if I have more questions?

CU Relations Chairs in your branch and state work to engage colleges and universities in your local area. More information about this volunteer position can be found on AAUW’s website here: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/state-branch/volunteer-leader-position-descriptions/> Please reach out to your local CU Relations Chair to learn more about how they are currently working with CUs. For all other inquiries, please reach out to connect@aauw.org