

Ways to give to the AAUW

Leaving Bequests in your Trust or Will

When drafting your Last Will and Testament or your Trust, you may insert the below language to leave your gift to the AAUW Branch or Affiliate fund of your choice, according to your wishes.

To give a specific dollar amount:

I give, bequeath, and devise to *the American Association of University Women (AAUW)* (Insert Branch or Affiliate or Fund Name), Tax ID (Corresponding Branch or Affiliate's Tax ID) the sum of \$. This gift is unrestricted, and the organization's governing body may use and expend the gift in any manner at their sole discretion.

To give an amount left over after other deductions:

I give, bequeath, and devise to *the American Association of University Women (AAUW)* (Insert Branch or Affiliate or Fund Name), Tax ID (Corresponding Branch or Affiliate's Tax ID) the rest, residual, and remainder of my estate. This gift is unrestricted, and the organization's governing body may use and expend the gift in any manner at their sole discretion.

At the bottom of this page, you will find a listing of the Michigan AAUW Branch or Affiliate with their Tax ID numbers for your reference.

Adding AAUW as a Beneficiary

You can also plan to give to the AAUW by adding them as a beneficiary to your bank account or life insurance. Contact your bank or life insurance agent and ask for a change of beneficiary form, and add the AAUW Branch or Affiliate of your choice as a beneficiary. Don't forget to include the Tax ID number for your preferred Branch or Affiliate. Once your bank or insurance agency are notified of your passing, they should issue funds directly to the Branch or Affiliate you named. Be sure to include contact information for the Branch or Affiliate so that the bank or insurance agency can contact the appropriate people to arrange for the funds to be disbursed.

Execute a Codicil

If you already have estate planning documents drafted, and do not want to make any major changes (such as beneficiaries, executors, or property division) you may draft a codicil as an amendment to your existing will. "Codicil" is the word used to describe a document which acts

as an amendment or supplement to a last will you already have. Both last wills and codicils show how you wished your estate to be distributed. If you already have multiple codicils, however, you may want to speak to an attorney about re-drafting your will to simplify your estate planning into one document. In that case, you can use the language above to leave a gift to the AAUW Branch or Affiliate of your choice.

Pre-filled Codicils

For those who wish to donate but already have a Will, we have pre-made, fill-in-the-blank codicils available for each Michigan AAUW Branch or Affiliate for you to easily download. Pick the Branch or Affiliate you wish to donate to, and follow these steps:

1. Print the codicil for the Branch or Affiliate to which you wish to donate.
2. Look at your original Will to find its date, you will need this to complete the codicil.
3. Find two people who can act as a witness. They should be people who are not related to you and will not inherit anything from you when you pass. These could be friends, neighbors, or fellow AAUW Branch or Affiliate members.
4. Find a notary. Most banks have notaries and there is usually a \$10 fee to use a notary's services.
5. In front of your witnesses and the notary, fill out and sign the document. The witnesses will sign in their indicated spots and the notary will notarize the document.

Leaving a legacy gift to your AAUW Branch is a wonderful way to ensure that your impact continues long after you're gone. By including the AAUW in your estate planning, you're ensuring AAUW's continued mission of equity, economic security, and leadership for future generations. We hope you will consider leaving a lasting legacy by remembering the AAUW in your will, trust, or by using these codicils.