

## **GLOSSARY OF AAUW TERMS**

### **AAUW**

American Association of University Women. The Association. Name adopted in 1921 through the merger of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (formed in 1881) and the Southern Association of College Women. AAUW is two corporations – AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund.

### **AAUW ACTION FUND**

The AAUW Action Fund, which was established July 1, 2009, supports AAUW's continuing goal of breaking through barriers for women and girls, and it does so through member activism and voter mobilization. Donations to the Action Fund are not tax deductible. It has a separate website at <https://www.aauwaction.org/>.

### **AAUW CONNECT**

The toll-free number (800/326-AAUW); the local number (202/785-7798); the telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) number (202/785-7777); the e-mail address ([connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org)); and the fax number (202/872-1425).

### **ASSOCIATION**

AAUW; adjective to identify the National level (i.e., Association Biennial Convention).

### **BRANCH**

Local unit of AAUW; not called chapter or club.

### **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY MEMBER**

C/U, AAUW's membership category for higher education institutions.

### **DUAL MEMBER**

A member of more than one branch; Association and State dues are paid to one Branch only.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Governing body composed of elected officers.

### **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUND**

The Foundation's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, launched in 1988, funds support research on gender equity in education and the workplace.

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

AAUW Funds awards funds to women scholars (Fellows) for research and study.

## **FIFTY-YEAR HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**

An Individual Member who has paid AAUW dues for 50 years shall become a Life Member and shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of AAUW national dues.

## **LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND**

Established by the Association in 1983 to support women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in higher education. Its mission has expanded to support brave plaintiffs seeking legal redress for equal pay, Title IX, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in addition to tenure denial violations. AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change. LAF was created in 1981 by AAUW members and has provided millions of dollars to balance the scales of justice for people working toward gender equity through the legal system.

## **LOBBY CORPS**

The AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Corps is a contingent of AAUW members who volunteer to lobby on Capitol Hill on issues pertinent to the AAUW public policy agenda. Branch and state lobby corps also work at local levels.

## **NATIONAL MEMBER**

AAUW members who affiliate directly with the Association. National members who join a branch are called Branch members.

## **PAID LIFE MEMBER**

A member may become a Paid Life Member by paying the amount established by the Association. Thereafter, the Life Member shall be exempt from the payment of AAUW national dues. The member shall continue to pay state and branch dues unless the state or branch chooses to give an exemption.

## **PUBLIC POLICY PRORITIES**

AAUW's Public Policy Priorities, adopted every two years by every-member vote, establish the federal action issues on which AAUW members across the country focus their advocacy efforts and guide the work of the national staff. States and branches should also use the Public Policy Priorities to inform their advocacy efforts on state and local issues.

## **RESOLUTION**

AAUW position statement adopted by members through the annual national election process. Resolutions passed since 1933 are on the AAUW website (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/bylaws-toolkit/>).

## **STATE**

Organizational unit of AAUW conforming to the boundaries of the States of the United States. The District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are also considered States.

## **STUDENT MEMBER**

Student members are enrolled in a regionally accredited two- or four-year higher education institution. Student Memberships for students attending AAUW College/University Members are free. Other students (and graduate students) pay a reduced rate. They may affiliate with local branches, states and/or campus chapters.