



RUTH BADER GINSBURG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The American Association of University Women, Naperville Area, is offering a scholarship of **\$5,000** to a woman (of any age) who is enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at an accredited university

Major course of study must fall under the discipline of science, technology, engineering or math [STEM]

Scholarship Criteria:

- Must be enrolled in a full-time, part-time or accelerated bachelor's degree program at an accredited institution
- Must be majoring in a course of study falling under the discipline of science, technology, engineering or math [STEM]
- Must reside in or attend school in DuPage, Will, Kendall or Kane Counties
- required cumulative GPA 3.0
- financial need considered
- may already be receiving financial aid
- must have achieved junior status by the application deadline of March 31, 2021
- Note that, if selected as a finalist, official transcripts will be required

For a complete application packet see
your Financial Aid Office or
find us at

<http://naperville-il.aauw.net/>

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE

MARCH 31, 2021

SELECTIONS COMPLETED BY April 30, 2021 and
FUNDS DISPERSED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.



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2021 Application Checklist

- ☐ reside in or attend school in DuPage, Will, Kendall or Kane Counties in Illinois
- ☐ enrolled in an accredited bachelor's degree program
- ☐ major in a course of study falling under the discipline of science, technology, engineering, or math [STEM]
- ☐ GPA of at least 3.0
- ☐ will achieve junior status by the application deadline of March 31, 2021
- ☐ completed and signed application enclosed
- ☐ personal statement enclosed
- ☐ financial statement(s) from school enclosed

(Note that, if selected as a finalist, official transcripts will be required)

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2021.

Mail completed applications to:

Scholarship Committee
AAUW-Naperville Area
P.O. Box 4662
Naperville, IL 60567-4662

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ELECTRONICALLY



Criteria for Ruth Bader Ginsburg Memorial Scholarship, 2021

Age Requirement: There is no age requirement for this scholarship.

Bachelor's Degree Program: Only students enrolled part-time or full-time in a bachelor's degree program (including accelerated programs) at an accredited institution, with a major in a course of study falling within the discipline of science, technology, engineering or math [STEM] will be considered.

Graduation Timeline: Candidates must achieve junior status by the application deadline of March 31, 2021.

Academic Scholarship: Because this is a scholarship and not a grant, the required cumulative G.P.A. is 3.0. **Official transcripts are required of all finalists.**

Financial Considerations: Because the award is intended to assist women monetarily, the financial need of the applicants will be considered. However, this does not necessarily mean that financial need will take precedence over scholarship. All criteria will be considered for each applicant.

Residency Considerations: The scholarship is available to those who reside in or attend school in DuPage, Will, Kendall or Kane Counties in Illinois.

Quality of Written Personal Statement: We are looking for applicants who demonstrate excellent writing skills and can delineate clear academic and life goals. We are also looking for detailed explanations of financial need.

Quality of Interview: From the entire field of applicants, the most qualified finalists will be chosen to have an interview with the scholarship committee. We will be looking for articulate responses to our questions, especially regarding the applicant's opinions on the need for gender equality and higher education for women. We hope that the woman chosen to receive the Scholarship will consent to have the Naperville Area AAUW follow up with her after the scholarship funds have been expended.

Future Goals: During the interview process, we would also like to hear about how the scholarship finalists intend to use their education to broaden the acceptance of females in STEM-related careers and inspire other women to pursue STEM-focused educational opportunities.

Submission of Application and Transcripts: The completed application, including the applicant's personal statement and financial statements, may be submitted by regular mail to the address specified in the application. If selected as a finalist, official transcripts will also be required. Upon request, transcripts must be submitted in the manner set forth in the application.



AAUW NAPERVILLE AREA (IL)

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2021 APPLICATION

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. This scholarship is to be awarded to a woman of any age who (a) is enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at an accredited institution; (b) is majoring in a course of study falling within the discipline of science, technology, engineering, or math [STEM]; and (c) will achieve junior status by the application deadline of March 31, 2021. Full-time or part-time students will be considered, including those in accelerated programs.

PLEASE SEE DETAILED SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA TO ENSURE THAT YOU QUALIFY.

Date _____

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age _____

Marital Status: ☐ SINGLE ☐ MARRIED ☐ DIVORCED ☐ SEPARATED

Ages of children, if applicable: _____, _____, _____, _____

Do they reside with you? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A

Are you applying for any other AAUW scholarships? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you previously applied for an AAUW scholarship? ☐ YES [YEAR _____]

☐ NO

Please list any outside activities in which you are involved at your university and/or in your community:

II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

Now attending college: ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ Accelerated Program

Are you currently enrolled in a Bachelor's Degree program?

Yes ____ No ____

Name of college/university: _____

Name of program or department: _____

Major (must be in a course of study falling within the discipline of science, technology, engineering or math [STEM]):

If this is an Adult Accelerated Program, what is the normative length of this program?

Date you entered the program: _____

Intended date of graduation: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) in this program: _____

Currently enrolled in how many hours: _____ semester _____ quarter

Planned hours next semester/quarter: _____ semester
_____ quarter

Briefly state your future career plans:

Do you currently hold a degree? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so please list degree and year attained:

If you are pursuing an additional degree, briefly explain your objective:

Name of previous college/university:

Dates attended: _____ Hours earned: _____ GPA: _____

Please list two academic references:

1. Name: _____

Title and Institution: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

2. Name: _____

Title and Institution: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

III. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

PLEASE RESPOND TO EACH QUESTION IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. NO ATTACHMENTS.

Are you employed outside of the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is your **current ANNUAL salary**? \$ _____

Name of employer: _____

Job Description: _____

Spouse's annual income: \$ _____ Spouse's occupation: _____

Annual income from other sources: \$ _____
[include child support, alimony/maintenance, parental support, unemployment, disability]

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL INCOME: \$ _____

SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID:

LOANS

GRANTS

Previous financial aid for school: \$ _____ \$ _____

Current financial aid for school: \$ _____ \$ _____

Anticipated financial aid to graduation: \$ _____ \$ _____

TOTAL amount of loans to be paid back after graduation: \$ _____

IV. **ANTICIPATED COSTS:**

Jan '21– Dec '21

Dec '21 to graduation

Tuition and Fees: \$ _____ \$ _____

Books: \$ _____ \$ _____

Transportation: \$ _____ \$ _____

Childcare: \$ _____ \$ _____

Other: _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Please include any additional information you would like us to have about your financial status:

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO ENCLOSE:

YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT A PERSONAL STATEMENT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM YOUR SCHOOL. IN ADDITION, OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS WILL BE REQUIRED OF ALL FINALISTS. UPON REQUEST, APPLICANTS MUST ASCERTAIN THAT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE FORWARDED PROMPTLY AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW.

1. PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Please include a personal statement describing your educational journey, your educational and career ambitions, and your current financial needs. Explain why a STEM career is important to you. The more you tell us about yourself, the more fairly we can award our scholarship. **The essay should be a minimum of 550 words. Use additional paper and attach.**

2. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:

If selected as a finalist, one copy of your official transcripts from your current institution must be provided. The transcripts must be in a sealed envelope stamped by your institution on the back. If you transferred to your current institution, we do NOT need copies of your transcripts from your previous institution if the transfer credits are reflected on your current transcript. If your institution will not release official sealed transcripts to you, please have them sent separately to our address.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM YOUR SCHOOL:

Please enclose copies of your financial statement from your school. This should include information on your financial aid package, any grants you have received and your current bill. Usually all this information is on the same statement. The financial statements may be unofficial photocopies.

I affirm that the information given in this questionnaire is accurate and current. I acknowledge that this information will be reviewed only by the AAUW Naperville Area Scholarship Committee and will be kept in strict confidence (all applications are shredded at the end of the selection process). Should I be selected to receive this scholarship, I grant the Naperville Branch of AAUW permission to use my name and likeness for scholarship publicity purposes.

Applicant's signature: _____

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How did you hear about this scholarship?

Scholarship recipients will be selected by April 30, 2021. Funds will be available shortly thereafter, and will be dispersed directly to the college or university in which the recipient is enrolled.
