

**Lima Branch of the American Association of University Women
2026 Scholarship Application
for Baccalaureate or Graduate Degree**

To qualify for an AAUW Lima Branch Scholarship, an applicant must be female, a graduate of an accredited high school, plan to enroll, or be enrolled in an accredited college or university for the Fall 2026 quarter/semester, and meet one of the following two qualifications:

1. If studying for a baccalaureate degree, she must be a graduate of an Allen County, Ohio high school.
2. If studying for a graduate degree, she need not be a graduate of an Allen County, Ohio high school, but she must presently have her primary residence in Allen County.

No applicant may receive more than two scholarships from AAUW Lima Branch.

All scholarship recipients are required to volunteer for ten hours assisting with book fair preparations after June 1 and prior to the first semester/quarter payment of scholarship money. \$750 will be sent to your college each semester for a total of \$1500 for the year. We traditionally work Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings collecting and sorting books through the summer. Proceeds from the annual book fair fund this scholarship.

Please complete the application below and enclose the following:

- Official transcript of college or high school grades
- One letter of reference from a non-family member.
- **Two** copies of an essay as outlined below. Do not use AI to write your essay.
- **Do not** staple, paper clip, or place materials in folders **but please put everything in one envelope**

Do not include other attachments or additional information. It will not be considered in the application review process. Separate activity sheets or resumes will not be reviewed. Follow all directions to be considered.

Completed applications must be **received by Friday, March 6, by 5pm. None will be accepted past this deadline.** Incomplete and late applications will not be considered for scholarship. Mail or deliver your application to:

Melissa Bennett 325 Baxter St. Elida, OH 45807

Name _____

Permanent address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

College attending or plan to attend _____

Parent/Guardian (if applicant is a dependent) _____

High School/College extra-curricular activities (include leadership positions, honors, awards)

Non-school or service-related activities (include volunteer work, awards, honors)

Job/work experience

Statement of educational and career goals

Essay Guidelines:

- Type your essay response, **double spaced**, on a separate page. Use paragraph form, complete sentences, and check your grammar and spelling.
- Limit your response to 350 words or less. If AI is used, the application will not be considered.
- Do not include your name or other identifying information on your essay.
- If these guidelines are not followed, your application will not be considered.

Essay Topic: Select one notable woman from history to interview. What questions would you ask her? What might you learn that you could apply to your life and future goals?