Breaking through Barriers

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This application is also available on the AAUW-La Crosse website at: www. lacrosse-wi.aauw.net/scholarships

2027
AAUW La Crosse Branch Scholarship for High School Students Pursuing Higher Education Next Year
Note: AAUW scholarship funds are managed and distributed by the La Crosse Community Foundation

Purpose: AAUW is a national organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW La Crosse Branch offers our scholarships to all qualified students.
AAUW scholarships are funded in part by profits from the annual La Crosse AAUW Art Fair on the Green.

The AAUW will award at least one $1000 scholarship and will consider financial need and special circumstances.

Eligibility {NOTE: The review committee will not review an incomplete application or a late arriving application}

1. An applicant must be committed to enrolling full time for the next academic year, 2026-2027, in an institution of higher education (excluding proprietary schools).

2. An applicant must remain on track to graduate this academic year from one of the following schools:
   Public high schools in La Crosse, Wisconsin; DeSoto High School in DeSoto, Wisconsin; Holmen High School in Holmen, Wisconsin; Onalaska High School in Onalaska, Wisconsin; West Salem High School in West Salem, Wisconsin; or La Crescent High School in La Crescent, MN.

3. An applicant must submit a 300-500 word statement that addresses the following .
   1. educational goals;
   2. financial need or special circumstances effecting educational progress, including plans in place for financing your college education; and
   3. personal efforts to break through barriers you have encountered or anticipate encountering.

4. An applicant must submit two signed letters of recommendation - one from a teacher and one of the applicant's choice. Both letter writers must address the applicant's potential to succeed in higher education.

5. An applicant must submit a resume or a listing of education related activities, involvements in the community, work/employment, family/home responsibilities.
   This document must include indicators of the commitment or frequency for each activity/involvement.

6. An applicant must submit a current transcript (official or unofficial).

7. An applicant must submit all required materials by the deadline.

8. An applicant must include the following information and signature on a cover page or print-out of this page.

Student Name _____Parent/Guardian Name_____
Address_____
Phone_____ e-mail_____
Applied to the following colleges:_____
Accepted at and planning to attend:_____

Signature of the Applicant: _____ Date: _____
[With your signature, you attest to the accuracy of all the information included in your application.]

By February 5, 2027: Deliver your completed application with all required materials to your counselor in the high school. Your counselor will transfer all application files to AAUW on February 8, 2027.