Founded in 1881, AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

AAUW Honolulu was founded in 1905 as the College Club. Created to promote “the higher ideals of education among women” it became an official branch of the American Association of University Women in 1922.

AAUW Honolulu promotes inclusiveness and strives to reflect the diversity of the island in its general membership, board and program participates. We recognize that our commitment to equity, inclusion and diversity is imperative to our mission and greatly enriches the effectiveness of our programs.

In 2019, AAUW began a partnership with Palama Settlement to promote and administer its undergraduate scholarship program.

In efforts to support women in Hawaii whose educational paths may be challenging we are encouraging applicants of varied backgrounds to apply for our scholarships.

Applications for AAUW’s Academic Scholarship are accepted through Palama Settlement’s Educational Scholarship Program and award recipients are chosen by an AAUW panel. Applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

Eligibility:

- Be a woman living in Hawaii
- Demonstrate financial need, and either
  1. Be enrolled as a sophomore, junior, or senior in a college, community college, or university in the State of Hawaii or on-line program from an educational institution with Regional Accreditation AND have a grade point average (GPA) 3.0 or above.
  2. Be over 21 years of age, have had your educational plans interrupted or delayed by family/work obligations or challenging personal circumstances AND are accepted or enrolled as a full or part-time undergraduate or graduate student in a college, community college, or university in the State of Hawaii or on-line program from an educational institution with Regional Accreditation.

To learn more about the AAUW Honolulu’s Academic Scholarship, visit their website at: https://aauwhonolulu.org/scholarships-and-grants/