



Application for Branch Public Policy Mini-Grants for 2017-2018 (Instructions)

On April 2, 2017, the Board of Directors of AAUW of Virginia voted \$1500 to award mini-grants to select branches to implement exciting public policy activities for the 2017-2018 program year.

- Branches interested in applying for a public policy mini-grant must complete and submit an application on-line by going to this link: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/mini-grants>. If multiple branches are collaborating on one activity, they only need to submit one application, listing each of the branches involved. **Applications are due no later than October 1, 2017. Decisions on mini-grants will be announced on or about November 15, 2017.**
- Planned activities for mini-grants must address an AAUW national or AAUW of Virginia public policy area. The AAUW national public policy program/priorities for 2017-2019 will be posted on the AAUW national website at <http://www.aauw.org> following the close of the 2017 AAUW national election, and the *2016-2018 AAUW of Virginia Public Policy Priorities* can be found at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/aauw/directors/publicpolicy/>. This allows for mini-grants to address exciting activity areas, including coding, Title IX, health care, voting rights, eliminating campus violence, the gender pay gap, human trafficking, paid sick leave, non-partisan, legislative redistricting, etc.
- We will be awarding mini-grants in two categories: 1. ***Tried and True***—For activities that have been carried out in the past and awarded a mini-grant; and 2. ***Bold and New***—For new activities that have not received a mini-grant in the past.
- We will be judging all applications against each other in order to select mini-grant recipients. In our deliberations, we will be reviewing applications based upon the following factors:
 - ✓ Public policy focus
 - ✓ Originality
 - ✓ Outcomes anticipated
 - ✓ Community outreach
 - ✓ Membership recruitment
 - ✓ Collaboration with other organizations
- Applications must be for activities completed anytime from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.
- We will award mini-grants in amounts from \$50-\$500 and may approve a mini-grant for less than the amount requested.
- Mini-grant recipients will be required to submit a short report at the completion of their activity. Instructions will be sent with mini-grant award letters.

- If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Leslie Tourigny, State Public Policy VP, at ltourigny@gmail.com or (571) 970-1782.