

## **AAUW New York State – Queens Branch Legacy Award**

**Background:** The Queens, NYS AAUW Branch disbanded in 2008 after 77 years of commitment to the mission of AAUW. Their focus was scholarship and education, so it is fitting that the monies which came to the state organization upon disbandment be used for that purpose.

**Project:** To distribute a portion of the Queens Branch funds to two branches for two \$500 local scholarships

**Scholarship name:** AAUW NYS Queens Legacy Award

**Goal:** To provide support to the branches in NYS by channeling funds to students for educational purposes, to fulfill the interests of the members of the Queens Branch by using funds they provided in a manner which they would embrace, to provide an incentive to bring members to the 2011 AAUW NYS convention.

### **Overview:**

- Funds will be awarded at the 2011 AAUW NYS Convention at the Glen Cove Mansion during the Saturday dinner.
- All branches in NYS are eligible for the drawing but must have a representative paid member (national, state, and local) at the 2011 convention in order to win; NYS AAUW board members are exempt. A representative from the winning branch must also be in attendance at the Saturday night dinner at the 2011 convention. College/University representatives at the convention are eligible if the C/U representative is a member of the state and of a NYS branch.
- Funds will be distributed via local scholarships by the winning branches between April 17, 2011 and December 31, 2011.
- Funds must be awarded to a female graduating high school senior who is officially accepted at a college or university in the United States, or to a female student matriculated in a local college or university, or to a female student who has completed an associate's degree and is enrolled in a bachelor degree program. Branches providing the scholarship funds should ensure that those who receive the funds have shown leadership attributes on the college campus or in their community and can verify proof of service.
- Funds must be connected to the mission of AAUW or to AAUW projects and programs, and be awarded to the students at branch events.
- The awards must be publicized in the local newspapers, in the branch publications, and in other publicity, noting the scholarship name and the origin of the award, crediting AAUW NYS, the local branch and the former Queens Branch.
- AAUW NYS checks will be made out to the college or university, not to the individual or the branch.
- The AAUW NYS Queens Legacy Award may be given to a student who is also receiving an existing branch scholarship, but the Queens Legacy Award must remain a specific and separately named scholarship.
- The names and contact information for the scholarship winners must be provided to the AAUW NYS president by December 31, 2011.