

Awards for High School Senior Girls - BranchProject.

This project encompasses two parts of the AAUW mission, advancing equity for girls through advocacy and education. This project moves the mission forward by offering two separate awards for student excellence to two senior girls in each of the 45 Westchester public high schools. One award recognizes academic ability and potential for future service to women in the solution of social and civic problems. The 2nd award is for excellence in creative as well as formal writing. By giving these awards our branch has several goals. We advocate for equity in education for girls. We provide an opportunity for the girls to be honored in public for their academic accomplishment and we give them an opportunity to show off their skills as problem solvers and leaders. At the time we increase our AAUW visibility and recognition.

In 2008 forty schools chose to participate. Our time frame begins in the fall. We prepare our budget. We update the names and addresses of the Senior Awards Chairperson at each school. Letters go out in March and the deadline to receive names of recipients is May 5th. Award certificates are printed and inserted in folders and bookplates are placed in books. At a committee meeting they are gift wrapped, labeled and placed in envelopes for mailing to the schools. Partners include representatives at each of the 40 schools. They choose the students who are to be honored, they present the awards at an honor assembly and they publicize AAUW as the award giver at the honor assembly and in PTA bulletins and the school newspaper. Last year we partnered with Strunk & White publishers to present *The Elements of Style* and with Barnes and Noble to present Lisa See's *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* to the recipients.

Our Branch has 20 members on the AAUW committee and more than 40 school representatives, and two publishers who worked with us to plan and complete the project.

Our community visibility is high. The 45 schools are made aware of the AAUW mission and our goals. An auditorium filled with teachers, parents and guests learn about us through the awards that we give out. Our AAUW membership brochure is enclosed in each recipient's award package. Each bookplate has our name and the name of our publisher partner. Our AAUW project becomes part of an event and program at each school. Members attend if their children or grandchildren are enrolled in the school. Eighty girls in forty high schools benefit from the project. Our donating publishers benefit through the publicity and good will they receive for their

donations and by partnering with AAUW in advocating for equity for girls and academic excellence.

The committee attracts members who have recently joined. Volunteers are able to choose the amount of time they are able to give to the project. The response from the community, schools, parents and students is enthusiastic and very positive. Enclosed are letters that describe our impact.

The lesson we learned this year is that due to the difficult economy, Barnes and Noble had to withdraw their support and we are searching for another publishing partner. Strunk & White will remain with us. We may need a contingency plan for next year.

Thank you for considering our project.

46 Galloway Lane
Valhalla, NY 10595

June 17, 2008

Ms. Cartaina and Ms. Kent
American Association of University Women
Westchester Branch

Dear Ms. Cartaina and Ms. Kent:

Thank you very much for the Outstanding Student Award and The Elements of Style. I was honored to receive this award from the Westchester Branch of the American Association of University Women. In pursuing my dream of becoming a teacher, I hope to be able to have a positive effect on all of my future student but especially young women as they are defining and achieving their own goals. In this way I hope to be able to do my part in assisting women and girls along life's journey.

Sincerely,

Krista Everett
Valhalla High School Class of 2008

To Ms. Cartaina,

I'm Sara Grossbath, the recipient of the American Association of University Women's Excellence in Writing Award for John Jay High School in Westchester County. I'm writing to thank you and the rest of the Westchester Chapter for this honor. Receiving this award a few nights ago was a pleasant surprise, and since I'm going into journalism next year, having my name called at my high school's award ceremony gave me an added boost of confidence in my writing.

Thank you again!

- Sara Grossbath

Dear American Association of University Women,

Thank you so much for recognizing me with your Outstanding Student Award. I am honored and will be sure to fulfill your aspirations for the women I will grow into.

Thank you again for this award!

From your humblest recipient,

Emily Buffen

John Jay High School

Katonah, New York 10536

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Workbooks 31.00

40 labels 20

Richard Leprine
Principal and book plate paper 25

June 13, 2008

One strips and tape 15

45 Ms. Marlene Certaina 200

AAUW Westchester Branch

Chair of Equity in Education Action Group

8-8 Steven Drive

Ossining, New York 10562

Dear Ms. Certaina: 20

Please allow me to express the thanks of the John Jay High School Community for providing the American Association of University Women, Westchester Branch, Excellence in Writing Award to one of our graduating seniors. Your support in recognizing the young people of our community is greatly appreciated.

Sara Grossberth, this year's recipient, seemed to us an excellent choice. We know she will enjoy reading your gift. Sara will be attending Northwestern University in the fall.

You have our sincere thanks for your commitment to our students. Enjoy your summer! We appreciate your contributions, time, and materials, coordinating awards and packages for each school, mailing packages.

Sincerely,

Richard Leprine
Principal

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On the Barnes and Noble website *The Elements of Style* is \$14.95 plus shipping and *Home Power and the Secret Fear* is \$14.95 plus shipping. We would need at least 40 of each book and perhaps 200 of *The Elements of Style*. Schools in Westchester participate this year.

Westchester AAUW Senior Awards Project Budget

90 folders \$180

90 labels 20

Certificates and book plate paper 25

Glue sticks and tape 15

45 mailers mailed 200

45 stamps and envelopes 25

90 copies of letters (2) 6

Gift wrap cords 20

Rounded annual budget is \$500 without the gift wrap. Alternate years gift wrap would be \$60.

In Kind Income

Volunteers: gasoline, telephone and computer use, printing cartridges, refreshments for committee meeting, time updating school contacts, locating partners, coordinating committee efforts and obtaining materials, preparing awards and packages for each school, mailing packages.

Partners in 2008: Strunk & White, and Barnes and Noble - cost of books.

On the Barnes and Noble website *The Elements of Style* is listed for \$9.95 plus shipping and *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* is listed at \$14.00 plus shipping. We would need at least 40 of each book and perhaps 45 if all high schools in Westchester participate this year.



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March 1, 2008

To: THE SENIOR AWARDS CHAIRPERSON
AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Subject: **TWO AAUW WESTCHESTER AWARDS**

The American Association of University Women, Westchester Branch, is again offering **TWO SEPARATE** awards for student excellence to **TWO** senior girls in each Westchester public high school. Each award has its own specially chosen book with inscribed bookplate, along with an inscribed certificate of excellence.

AWARD ONE: OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

The criteria for the selection of a recipient are the following: demonstrated service to her school, academic ability, and potential for future service to women in the solution of social and civic problems. This judgment is in harmony with AAUW's goals, which are to enable members to continue intellectual growth, discharge their responsibilities to society, and further the advancement of women.

AWARD TWO: EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD

The criteria for the selection of a recipient follow universally accepted standards of excellence in creative as well as formal writing. We wish to reward the writers of superior short stories, poetry, personal essays, and plays, along with those who fulfill the state writing standards of excellence in academic writing.

We are requesting the name of **ONE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE BOTH AWARDS TO INSURE PROPER DELIVERY TO EACH SCHOOL.** If you have any questions or are unable to meet our schedule, please call Diana Kent at 914-241-0891.

Thank you for helping us to coordinate a smooth awards process.

Sincerely,
Marlene Cartaina,
Co-Chair of Equity in Education Action Group

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AAUW-WESTCHESTER BRANCH AWARDS

AWARD 1 - OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

RECIPIENT: _____

(Please print the name since correct spelling is important. The award of Strunk & White's *The Elements of Style* will be personalized as will the AAUW Award Certificate.)

AWARD 2 - EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD

RECIPIENT: _____

(Please print the name since correct spelling is important. The award of Lisa See's *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* will be personalized as will the AAUW Award Certificate.)

Please return by May 5, 2008.

You will receive the awards by May 26, 2008. If you need them before this date, we suggest you introduce the students at the award's assembly, and give them the awards on May 26th.

Please fill out the name and address of the school, including the person at the school who will receive the package and distribute the awards as appropriate.

School: _____

Address: _____

Person Receiving: _____

Telephone number of person: _____

This form may be mailed or faxed to:

Diana Kent
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Chappaqua, NY 10514
Fax Number: 914-241-7450, Phone: 914-241-0891

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