

AAUW-NYS Public Policy

These Priorities provide direction for branches when undertaking legislative action at state and local levels.

Biennial priorities for action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution. These NYS Public Policy Action Priorities do not preclude members or branches from acting on any issues clearly stated in the AAUW Public Policy Program. No member shall use the name of AAUW to oppose its policies or program.

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

AAUW VISION STATEMENT

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting on the lives of women and girls.

AAUW VALUE PROMISE

By joining **AAUW**, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance



AAUW New York State 2009-2011 Biennial Action Priorities

To support a strong system of public education in New York State that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW NYS advocates:

- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students
- The vigorous enforcement of Title IX
- Programs that meet the needs of girls in elementary and secondary education
- Opposition to the use of public funds for non-public elementary and secondary education
- Responsible funding for all levels of education, including early Childhood education

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW NYS advocates:

- Equitable access and advancement in employment
- Fairness in compensation including pay equity, Social Security, and other pension benefits for women
- Vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes
- Access to affordable, quality, comprehensive health care and choice in reproductive health care for all women
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the workforce and improve women's earning potential, including women's entrepreneurship
- Access to quality, affordable dependent care

*You Can
Make a
Difference*

Contact Legislators/Elected Officials

Websites and phone numbers provide direct contact information.

Federal (e-mail is best, letters take a long time)

The President

The White House, Washington, DC 20500

www.whitehouse.gov

president@whitehouse.gov

The Honorable (name)

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

www.house.gov

The Honorable (name)

U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510

www.senate.gov

New York State

The Governor

Executive Chambers, Albany, NY 12224

www.state.ny.us/governor 518.474.8390

The Honorable (name)

NY State Senate, Albany, NY 12247

www.senate.state.ny.us 518.455.3800

The Honorable (name)

NY State Assembly, Albany, NY 12248

www.assembly.state.ny.us 518.455.4100

Let those you elect know how you feel about AAUW issues and why.

Join the AAUW ACTION NETWORK

This is a convenient and effective way to pressure Congress to act on equity for women and girls. It includes *Washington Update* and *The Two Minute Activists* which gives contacts for Congress and sample letters Become a member by going to

http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionnetwork/join.cfm

Contact Information

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NYS Legislative Status Line 800.342.9860

White House Comment Line 202.456.1111

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