

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND LAF CORNER

Welcome back members of AAUW; refreshed and rested from the summer vacation and ready for the coming AAUW year. As many of you know, Legal Advocacy Fund has an annual year of January 1 to December 31. Submitting your funds for LAF in a timely manner will insure that your branch receives credit for the 2009 LAF year and that you and your branch will be recognized at the AAUW NYS Convention, April 23-25, 2010 in Cooperstown, NY. I have requested updates from your branches about who is the branch LAF VP/Contact and have mailed information to them about the submission of funds along with the Contribution Report Form. I am available for any questions that you may have and will assist you in processing the contributions that your branch receives.

The newly designed 2009 LAF pin is very attractive and is available for a contribution of \$100. This amount may be accumulated by an individual through December 31, 2009. I will forward the pin to any member who has achieved this donation amount.



The 2009-10 CAP topic is *Breaking through Barriers in STEM for Women and Girls*. Applications are available as of the last week of August 2009. Submission by October 16, 2009.

The Campus Action Projects (CAP) will enable student leaders and campus faculty to design and implement effective programs that enhance campus offerings, promote leadership, and improve academic and career outcomes. Each year, AAUW chooses a mission-based topic that the projects will focus on, such as sexual harassment or pay equity.

Through an application process, around ten teams composed of students and a campus professional are selected at colleges and universities around the country to implement their project proposal. Teams are chosen for the strength of their proposals and for their proactive efforts to foster student leadership. Each team will be given technical assistance from AAUW's national office and will be required to work with an AAUW state or branch member who will serve as the community advisor/liaison. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Additionally, a member from each team will be funded to report on the project at the annual **AAUW/NASPA National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** in Washington. Please review all the requirements at www.aauw.org and download the 2009-10 application.

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