

**AAUW MEMBERSHIP**  
**ANSWERS TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBER'S QUESTIONS**  
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Before your prospects join, they may ask questions or raise concerns. Be prepared with your responses.

**Why join AAUW?**

I joined AAUW because:

- It was an opportunity for personal enrichment
- I felt an obligation to invest in myself
- I wanted to get involved in the community
- I was impressed by a branch interest group meeting I attended
- I was new in town and wanted to belong to a professional organization
- I enjoy meeting people outside my work
- It brings me into contact with women who have similar interests
- Of the networking opportunities it offers me
- It gives me a chance to discuss current issues of concern to me
- It gives me a wide variety of programs and activities to choose from

**What do I get out of AAUW?**

Through AAUW I:

- Develop my self-confidence further
- Enjoy the stimulation and satisfaction of sharing ideas with others
- Meet women who serve as role models for me
- Practice my leadership skills in a relatively risk free environment
- Keep up-to-date on current events and issues of concern to women

**I'm not interested in women's issues.**

- AAUW isn't just about women's issues, it's about networking, personal development and friendship.
- Women's issues aren't the only concerns addressed by AAUW. We address education, family, and community issues.

**I'm already committed to another women's organization**

- AAUW is a perfect place to develop leadership skills useful in your work with other organizations.
- AAUW addresses so many different interests and issues that your involvement will be an asset to your participation in other groups.
- Through AAUW, you'll meet women from a wide variety of backgrounds.
- AAUW, formed by college graduates in 1181, is the leading organization promoting education and equity for women and girls. Your membership would strengthen the voice of all women and girls.

### **I have other commitments on meeting nights**

- Meetings are just one component of AAUW. You may want to participate in one of our community projects, our Voter Education campaign, or other activities
- Meetings are rotated to fit members' differing schedules, and no member has to attend every branch meeting or event
- Participate to the extent you can
- Consider becoming an individual member (member-at-large)
- Member responsibilities fluctuate according to individual needs and priorities

### **I'm too busy – especially with my work**

- Members may devote as much time as they want to AAUW activities.
- AAUW provides members with a respite from work and a different perspective. It offers an opportunity for personal growth
- If branch membership seems too much of a commitment, join as an individual member (member-at-large) and still enjoy the benefits of Association membership

### **I'm just out of college and feel too young for the group**

- AAUW plans activities on a variety of topics. Surely one will interest you
- We need you to join and help recruit people in your age group – we need what you have to offer

### **I don't know anything about AAUW**

- Come to a meeting and find out
- Read this pamphlet and these recent issues of *AAUW Outlook* and *AAUW In Action*
- Let me tell you more...

### **I'm planning to leave the area in the near future**

- Join AAUW and become part of a network of more than 1300 branches across the country and 1000,000 members nationwide. Your membership can be transferred to a branch in your new community at any time of the year at no extra charge. When members transfer their membership, they automatically have a group of friends who will make them feel at home in their community

### **AAUW dues are too high**

- AAUW's dues are comparable to dues of other women's and other professional organizations
- Look at the benefits you'll receive as an AAUW member: *AAUW Outlook*, insurance plans at low group rates, opportunities for developing your leadership skills, a voice with policy-makers, and the companionship of college-educated women almost anywhere you live or work.
- By becoming a member, you are supporting a force for positive action for women
- As an AAUW member you'll be investing in your own intellectual growth. Dues may be deductible if you're a professional educator