

Biennial Action Priorities

AAUW's priorities for federal action are chosen according to the criteria of critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution.

To support equitable access to higher education that promotes gender fairness, equity, diversity & inclusivity, and to address the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women and girls, especially women of color, AAUW advocates for:

- Reinstating Title IX rules that strengthen and clarify protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault, ensure schools provide accommodations for pregnant & parenting students, and affirm Title IX's protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation & gender identity
- Ensuring institutions of higher education are accessible to all students regardless of socioeconomic status, the environment & curriculum is inclusive, and free from political, religious, or cultural bias
- Reducing barriers to postsecondary success, including increasing investment in financial support for degree programs & campus childcare programs
- Policies that support women in pursuit of higher education, including increased access to paid leave, access to contraception & abortion care, and affordable high-quality childcare

Together, We Can Advance Equity and Drive Change

AAUW is nonpartisan — but never neutral about our values. We stand united for equity, education, and opportunity, and we will always speak out when those values are under threat.

As members and constituents, your voice matters. Showing up, speaking sincerely, and staying engaged makes all the difference. Every conversation you have — whether with lawmakers, community leaders, or neighbors — helps put equity on the record.

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AAUW's Public Policy Principles and Priorities underscore our mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. They serve as the foundation for action, guiding AAUW members' advocacy efforts nationwide.



AAUW stands for Education

- Higher Education
- Public Education
- Inclusive Curriculum
- STEM Opportunities
- Strengthened Civil Rights Protections

AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination on the basis of age, disability, race, ethnicity, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, religious beliefs, pregnancy or parental status or socioeconomic status, and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.

AAUW stands for Social Justice & Civil Rights

- Constitutional Rights
- Expanding Voting Rights
- Freedom from Harassment and Violence
- International and Civil Rights



AAUW stands for Economic Security

- Pay Equity
- Mitigation of Caregiving
- Retirement Safety Nets
- Reproductive Freedom

