

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

- ✚ High quality education is the foundation of a democratic society
 - ❖ Equitable access to education and a climate free of harassment, bullying, and sexual assault
- ✚ Support academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and responsible funding for all levels of education, including early childhood education and programs for students with disabilities
 - ❖ Close the opportunities gap
- ✚ Support the economic, social and physical well-being of all persons
 - ❖ Equitable employment opportunities
 - ❖ Quality dependent care
 - ❖ Safe, affordable housing
 - ❖ Accessible, quality healthcare
 - ❖ Clean, healthy sustainable environment
 - ❖ Protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid
- ✚ Gun violence is a public health and safety crisis – all people should have a right to privacy and freedom from violence
- ✚ End racial, ethnic and gender injustice
- ✚ End human trafficking and provide mutual security for all

BIENNIAL ACTION PRIORITIES

To **support a strong system of public education** that supports gender fairness, equity, diversity and inclusion and addresses barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women and girls, AAUW supports the following actions:

- Strengthening and enforcing Title IX
- Providing adequate and equitable education funding
- Encouraging STEM education
- Reducing the education debt burden

To **achieve economic security** for all women, AAUW supports the following actions:

- Providing pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits
- Providing equitable access to advancement in employment
- Closing the gender and race gaps in leadership opportunities
- Increasing the number of quality jobs that pay a living wage

- Providing access for all women to a full range of health care services to ensure economic security
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs
- Strengthening support programs, including welfare and career and technical education
- Providing workforce training, education, and support (including non-traditional occupations and women's entrepreneurship)

To **guarantee equality**, including rights and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society, AAUW supports the following actions:

- Enforcement and full access to civil and constitutional rights, including affirmative action and expanding voting rights
- Complete, accurate, and timely collection of data to inform policy decisions
- Self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions
- Universal access to quality, affordable health care
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence
- Freedom in the definition of self and family
- Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment
- Support for UN programs that address human rights and the concerns of women and girls