



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Abilene Branch

2021 Non-Traditional Undergraduate Student
Educational Scholarship Opportunity for Women**

AAUW Abilene Scholarships are available to women (25 years & older) returning to higher education after some period of time in which their formal education was interrupted. Women currently enrolled and pursuing Associate or Bachelor degrees at all of Abilene's universities, community college and an accredited on-line degree program are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Non-traditional female students residing in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Coke, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Runnels, Shackelford, Taylor, and Throckmorton counties may apply for these scholarships. Please review the scholarship application eligibility requirements** at our website: www.abilene-tx.aauw.net/scholarship/. Application packets are available for download at our website or by contacting abileneaauw@gmail.com. Previous AAUW Abilene Scholarships applicants may re-apply by submission of a newly completed 2021 Application Packet. Applications should be mailed to:

Abilene AAUW Scholarships
PO Box 6107
Abilene, TX 79608

Deadline December 31, 2020

A **non-traditional student refers to a category of students at colleges and universities. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) notes that there are varying definitions of **nontraditional** student. The term is defined in a general way to refer to postsecondary students who are 25 years old and older.

Selected 2020 Scholarship Recipients will be required to attend an introduction brunch held in February and the Women of Outstanding Achievement/Promise & Courage honors luncheon in April, 2021.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.



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**Women of Promise & Courage
Undergraduate Scholarship Eligibility Requirements
Local Colleges/Universities or
Online Undergraduate Study from an accredited institution of higher education**

- I. REQUIREMENTS: To be eligible for the Abilene AAUW Women of Promise & Courage Educational Undergraduate Scholarship an applicant must:
1. Be a resident of Abilene or one of the following surrounding counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Coke, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Runnels Shackelford, Taylor Throckmorton
 2. Be a “non-traditional” student in the sense that she is
 - a. **25 years or older**
 - b. **Returning to higher education at least five years after completing high school, or after having previously attended and left studies at a college, university or other post-high school educational institution.**
 - c. **Working toward acquiring her first degree Currently enrolled in a local college or university, or an online program elsewhere but still a resident of the Abilene area,** (as indicated by counties listed in #1 above)
 - d. **Have successfully completed two semesters of course work at current college or university**
 - e. **Have 2 or more semesters to complete before graduation**
 3. Have a B (3.0) average or above in all college work.
 4. Degree may be in any field that meets the applicant’s stated objectives.
 5. Submit three (3) signed letters of recommendation from persons not related to the applicant.
 6. The scholarship shall be for no less than \$1,000 and may be used for summer, fall or spring semester following the award
 7. Undergraduate Scholarships will be presented at scheduled Women of Promise & Courage event(s)
 8. Scholarship Recipients receiving the undergraduate scholarship, will receive a student membership to Abilene AAUW and encouraged to participate in the work of the Abilene Branch
 9. Upon graduation, Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients will receive one year’s free AAUW National membership and one year’s free Abilene AAUW membership
 10. A prior applicant or recipient may re-apply, however, preference will be given to new qualified applicants.

****Recipients are required to attend an Introductory Brunch where individual portraits will be taken for publication in the April presentation program, and the Annual Women of Outstanding Achievement / Women of Promise & Courage Annual Brunch (April , 2021) where Scholarship Recipients will be recognized and presented certificates of recognition for their individual scholarships. No monies will; be presented to individual scholarship recipients. All scholarship monies will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of the accredited institution indicated in this application.

II. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- 1) The applicant must submit the completed application form. **Do not leave any field blank.** Print legibly. Incomplete applications WILL NOT be reviewed.
- 2) A typed personal essay is required and should include the following:
 - a. The applicant's major objectives in returning to school
 - b. Chosen major and why
 - c. Information about the applicant, hobbies, interest
 - d. Family background, family obligations
 - e. Financial needs
 - f. Other information that would help the committee better know the applicant and her needs
- 3) The applicant must submit transcripts of college work completed up to the time of application. (Fall 2020 semester transcripts must be received no later than January 20, 2021. They may be e-mailed to abileneaauw@gmail.com)
- 4) Transcripts will NOT be returned.
- 5) Three (3) Letters of Recommendation should address scholastic ability, character, personal background, and any other information that might be helpful to the committee
 - a. Recommendations submitted by an instructor or employer must be written on institution letterhead and include:
 - i. the name and title/position of the person submitting the reference
 - ii. the relationship to the applicant
 - iii. a physical signature
 - iv. contact information: address, phone/cell numbers, email address
 - b. Recommendation submitted by a personal reference must include:
 - i. the name of the person submitting the reference
 - ii. the relationship to the applicant
 - iii. a physical signature followed by a legible, printed/typed signature
 - iv. contact information: address, phone/cell numbers, email address
- 6) All applications with all supporting materials must be in the hands of the Scholarship Committee by the designated date each year. Letters of recommendation may be submitted in a separately sealed envelope if the recommender prefers.
- 7) The applicant may be contacted or requested to appear in person if the awarding committee so requests.
- 8) **Names of Scholarship Recipients will be posted in February, 2021 on the Abilene AAUW website www.abilene-tx.aauw.net/scholarships**



American Association of University Women
Abilene Branch
Undergraduate Scholarships
(for women returning to education)



APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 31, 2020 postmark

Date of Application _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Please indicate the best method of contacting you: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of Spouse _____ Spouse's Occupation _____

Name and Ages of children _____

Institution at which you are currently studying _____ Date started _____
Undergraduate degree currently sought _____ GPA _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Colleges attended: _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Church and Community Activities _____

Honors Received _____

Vocational Aspirations _____

Reasons for returning to school _____

Please indicate your family's gross income (check one): under \$15,000 \$15,000-\$25,000
 \$25,000 - \$35,000 \$35,000-\$45,000 \$45,000-\$55,000 \$55,000 - \$75,000 over \$75,000

Have you previously applied for this scholarship? Yes/No If so, did you receive it? Yes/No

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Send completed applications to:

*Abilene Branch, AAUW Scholarships
P.O. Box 6107
Abilene, TX 79608.*

Items Must Be Postmarked by or received by email December 31, 2020.