



Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 9742, Naples FL 34101



Why Support the Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation, Inc?

Since its founding by the AAUW Greater Naples Branch in 2001, the Foundation, a public charity, has:

- Provided academic scholarships to local women, age 21 and over, pursuing degrees at accredited colleges or universities who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need; and
- Supported the AAUW GNB STEAM program for fifth-grade girls enrolled in Collier County Public schools to expose them to opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math.

The Foundation also:

- Supports the AAUW GNB Reading is Fun! program giving books to children in three high-needs public elementary schools;
- Supports the AAUW StartSmart workshops provided by AAUW GNB, teaching women salary negotiation skills to help close the persistent gender wage gap; and
- Provides academic scholarships for local women pursuing degrees in STEM fields.

Want to Help?

You can invest in local women and girls by sending a check to “Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation, Inc” at the address above or use the “Donate Now” button at <https://greaternaples-fl.aauw.net>. You may designate a specific program if you wish. Or join the Southwest Florida Women Giving Together giving circle. Dues are just \$250/year. We also offer opportunities for a scholarship in the name of a business, friend or loved one for a minimum donation of \$1,500. Contact: chackne1@kent.edu.



What Do Scholarship Awards Mean to the Local Women who Receive Them?

*“It was an honor to be granted a scholarship from this organization, which supports and empowers women to rise above their circumstances and against all odds. Without this scholarship, it would have been difficult to pursue my graduate degree being a first-generation college student raised in a single-parent home. My degree is not only for me but the families I will assist to reach their full potential. Thank you for believing in me.” - **Christina H., 2018 & 2019 awardee***

*“The scholarship I was granted was more than a generous gift. It was life-changing for me. This scholarship gave me the opportunity to complete my degree and finally go into the field that I dreamed of working in. As a mother of three small children, full-time student, and full-time employee, adding the stress of student loans can be overwhelming. Thankfully, organizations such as this take away the pressure, so women like me can focus on what is important.” - **Heather V. , 2017 awardee***



Girls participating in the 2021 AAUW GNB STEAM program wrote:

I learned from this amazing experience, that I can be anything that I want to be, and everything is possible, women can be anything, and if I want to do something I have to go for it and don't be scared!

- [Corkscrew Elementary School Student](#)

I learned a little bit in each activity I did. The book really inspired me and gave me motivation. The videos gave me an idea of what it's like to be someone else. Finally, the experiments were a fun way to learn. Overall, this was a delightful experience!

- [Lavern Gaynor Elementary School Student](#)

Other Ways You Can Help:

—Join the Southwest Florida Women

Giving Together Giving Circle. Annual dues are just \$250! Contact Catherine Hackney, chackne1@kent.edu, for details.

—Name a one-time scholarship for just \$1500 or establish an endowed scholarship fund for a minimum of \$25,000. Contact Laura Candris, laura_candris@msn.com, for details.

—Make a gift to the Foundation in your will or living trust. You may specify a gift of a specific dollar amount, a percentage of what is left after other distributions have been made, or a particular asset. You may be able to add a charitable gift to an existing will through a simple amendment.

Suggested wording for your attorney to consider: “After fulfilling all other specific provisions, I give, devise and bequeath ___% of the residue [or \$___] to the Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) public charity, incorporated in Florida, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 9742, Naples, FL 34101.”

—Name the Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. When you leave the balance of an IRA or 401(k) to your heirs, they must carefully manage the account to avoid losing its tax-deferred status and potentially triggering income taxes and possible penalties. You can simplify matters for your loved ones by directing all or a portion of what remains in your retirement account to the Foundation and leaving other more tax-favored assets to your heirs.

One Resolution You Should Keep: Reviewing Your Estate Plans.

You may need to amend your will for a number of reasons, including changes in your property, your address, the needs of your loved ones, the composition of your family or applicable laws. When you need to amend your will for other reasons, consider adding a gift to the Foundation.