

Why Support the Greater Naples AAUW Charitable Foundation, Inc?

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

- Provided academic scholarships to deserving local women, age 21 and over, who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need; and
- Supported the AAUW GNB STEAM program for local fifth-grade girls to inspire them to pursue education and careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

The Foundation also:

- Supports the AAUW GNB Janet Martin Welch-Reading is Fun! program giving books of their own to children in two high-needs public elementary schools; and
- Supports local AAUW StartSmart workshops, teaching women salary negotiation skills to help close the persistent gender wage gap.

Today, scholarships are still awarded to local women, age 21 or over, but also to those pursuing degrees in STEM fields or teaching degrees.



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, 2018 & 2019 awardee***

*"Thank you for choosing me as a 2021 Florence Chandler Scholar. I'm truly so honored and appreciative. The empowerment and support of women is very important to me, not only as a woman, but as the mother of three young girls who can change a piece of the world one day. This is way more than about the scholarship funds to me. I was so drawn to the AAUW after reading about its mission and values because I am a strong woman who believes in supporting women as well. Thank you so much for believing in my education. I will be successful with the support of amazing women like you." - **Tiffany, 2021 awardee***

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 \$2000. Contact: chackne1@kent.edu.



Girls participating in the AAUW GNB STEAM Girls Count program wrote:

“I learned that you can do and think of anything by using STEAM, and that girls can achieve and do anything”

“Girls can do anything anyone can do, don't let people tell you can't, and follow your dreams.”

“I learned that girls can do a lot of things. Like engineering, science, arts, math, and tech. This whole experience is so inspirational and wonderful.”

“Girls can do whatever they want if they really want it. Girls are just as great as boys and can accomplish the same, gender doesn't matter.”

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 \$2000 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.