



American Association of University Women Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch 2025-2026 Renaissance Scholarship Application Instructions

Application Must be Submitted by March 1, 2026

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the American Association of University Women Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch (AAUW DAW) Renaissance Scholarship. Scholarships are offered to individuals who identify as women, are attending California State University East Bay (CSUEB), and are active participants in the CSUEB Renaissance Scholars Program for former foster youth. If you are not a CSUEB student in the Renaissance Scholars Program you are not eligible for this scholarship.

Scholarship recipients will receive a scholarship of \$2,000. Consistent with IRS regulations, use of scholarship funds must be used in support of educational pursuits. The recipient is responsible for complying with IRS regulations related to scholarship awards.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Academic status:
 - a. If you are an undergraduate in the Renaissance Scholars Program, you must be entering your junior year or higher at CSUEB no later than the fall of 2026.
 - b. If you are a Renaissance Scholar graduating from CSUEB this year and pursuing an advanced degree at CSUEB or another university, you must be accepted into the graduate program no later than the fall of 2026 and provide proof of your acceptance. If you have not received your acceptance letter by the March 1st close date, you may be considered for an award pending AAUW DAW receipt of your acceptance letter.
2. You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and possess a desire to pursue educational and career goals.

APPLICATION

1. The application is a Google Form, which must be completed online using the link provided on the AAUW DAW Scholarships webpage, or [click here](#).
2. Instructions for using Google Forms follow:
 - a. You **MUST** have a Google account (free) to be able to submit your scholarship application along with the accompanying required documents that you need to upload for your application to be complete. If you do not have a Google account, refer to Google's help page: <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/27441?hl=en#>
 - b. Your application is saved automatically as you fill it out. You can return to the application and finish it later, up until the due date. A  Draft saved icon appears to the right of your email



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address at the top of your application, indicating that your input is saved while you are working on it.

- c. To find your draft application, reopen the Google Form link from the AAUW webpage, or [click here](#), in the same Google Account you used to create the draft. You can also bookmark the URL for your draft application and access it that way.
3. To be considered complete, your application **MUST** be submitted via the AAUW DAW Scholarship webpage and include the following:
- a. All required documents uploaded to the application form.
 - Your most recent college transcript from the last semester. The transcript may be unofficial but **MUST** include your name on it along with the name of your institution.
 - A copy of your current class schedule.
 - Proof of acceptance into graduate school if you will be a new graduate student in the fall of 2026.
 - Your Personal Statement (suggest 200 to 500 words maximum) submitted via the AAUW DAW Scholarships webpage. The statement should present a picture of you as a person, a student, and a potential scholarship recipient. It is an opportunity to share your story. Some ideas about writing a personal statement are at the following link.
https://www.laguardia.edu/uploadedfiles/main_site/content/supporters_friends/docs/scholarship_personal_statement.pdf
 - b. Two letters of recommendations from non-relatives.
 - At least one must be from a faculty member, such as a professor, advisor, or administrator.
 - The other can be from one of these same types of individuals or from a community member, such as an employer, minister, or community leader.
 - The people providing your letters of recommendations may submit them in one of two ways:
 - by filling in a Google Form by [clicking here](#) OR
 - by emailing to daw.aauw@gmail.com
 - Instructions for the letter of recommendation providers are found on the AAUW DAW Scholarships webpage or by [clicking here](#).
4. You must complete and submit your application with all required documents online by the due date specified above. Letters of recommendation must also be submitted by the due date. **Late submissions or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
5. Once you have submitted your application, you will immediately receive an email confirmation from Google Forms regarding your submission. This email includes your application response in its entirety and a link that allows you to edit your application. **SAVE this email to be able to access your**



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application in case you want to edit it. If you do not see this confirmation email, check your spam folder.

6. You can edit your application up to the due date.
 - a. To edit your application, click on the “Edit response” button at the top of your Google Form confirmation email. By clicking on this link, you will be redirected back to the Google Form application you submitted with your previously entered responses pre-filled.
 - b. You can now view or edit any of the responses.
 - c. **If you choose to edit the application you have submitted, your changes will only be saved if you hit the “Submit” button on the final signature page.**
 - Note the  **Resubmit to save** icon next to your email address at the top of each page alerting you to the fact changes you are making are not saved unless you resubmit the application.
 - You will also see a pop-up message box at the bottom of each page that indicates “You are editing your response. Sharing this URL allows others to also edit your response. Fill out a new response.” You can ignore this message unless you want to totally redo your application and submit a new one. If you submit a new scholarship, you upload all required documents with this new application.
 - d. You will receive another confirmation email from Google Forms for this updated application. Save the email so you have a link to your revised application.

SELECTION AND AWARD

1. **Your application is evaluated based on the information that you provide.** Interviews will not be conducted. Scholarship awardees are selected at the sole discretion of the AAUW DAW. Not all applicants will be selected as scholarship recipients. All applicants agree to accept AAUW DAW decisions as final.
2. Scholarship recipients are selected on a competitive basis with consideration of the applicant’s academic record, leadership, participation in school and community activities, work experience, educational and career goals, special circumstances (e.g., first-generation college student), financial need, and letters of recommendation.
3. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will need to provide your spring 2026 transcript to AAUW DAW as proof of term completion before DAW can issue your award. Your scholarship payment will be issued as a lump sum check to by June 30 and mailed to you at the address you provide. You are able to are responsible for using this award for educational purposes consistent with IRS regulations.



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4. We will ask you to provide a one-minute video telling us about yourself and what the scholarship means to you that we will post to public digital media linked to the AAUW DAW webpage.
5. We will contact you in January 2027 requesting your transcript from the fall 2026 as proof of term completion to meet IRS scholarship requirements.
6. Applicants who are not selected for a scholarship award will be notified by email in a timely manner. Applicants not selected may reapply in a subsequent year, as long as they meet all eligibility criteria for the year in which they are applying.