

About AAUW

Since its first meeting in 1881, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been a catalyst for change. Our nonpartisan, nonprofit organization has more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and over 800 college and university partners. Throughout our history, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues that are important to women — educational, social, economic, and political.

More information about AAUW <https://www.aauw.org/>

Scholarship Information

A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to each of two students who has transferred from Laurel Ridge Community College to Shenandoah University during the fall 2026 semester. The Froehlich Scholarship is given in the name of Mary Froehlich, a longtime member and devoted volunteer of the Winchester Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Submissions

Please submit either an essay or video.

Essay – An essay (up to 500 words) addressing the topics below.

Video – A video (up to 6 minutes) addressing the topics below.

Applicants for the Mary Froehlich Memorial Scholarship should submit either a written personal essay or a personal video addressing the topics outlined below. If submitting an essay, enter the text in the box below or attach the essay as a .docx or .pdf file. If submitting a video attach a link to YouTube or another platform, or embed an mp4 file in your application. If submitting a video please provide written text as well.

Recipients must confirm that they are planning to return to SU during the spring 2027 semester.

Your submission should cover the following:

- Why is continuing your education important? What are your career plans and goals?
- Which individual or individuals have mentored or inspired you to pursue your academic field? How have they inspired you?
- How will an AAUW scholarship help you complete your degree at Shenandoah University?

NOTE: The reviewers will give careful consideration to your essay or video, which should be both comprehensive and complete. If you submit a video and are selected, you will be asked to submit a copy of your written script to the reviewers. (See above).

The scholarship recipient will be asked to attend a meeting of the Winchester Branch of AAUW to meet members.