

AAUW New Jersey Charitable Trust And Grant Program

The AAUW New Jersey Charitable Trust was established in 1991 as a non-profit charity through the generosity of donors who wanted to support the work of AAUW in New Jersey. Donations have come from individual bequests, the AAUW NJ state affiliate, AAUW NJ branches, other individuals, businesses and institutions.

The purpose of the Trust is to provide grants to AAUW members, branches, and AAUW NJ to advance AAUW's missions and goals, especially those related to gender equity in education, the workplace, and leadership for women and girls.

The Trust is managed by a Board of Trustees, all being members of AAUWNJ from across the state. The President is the main point of contact for applicants and inquires, the Grant Committee evaluates applications, and the Treasurer provides funding if approved.

The Trust's Grant Program enables mission-based programs by reducing financial hurdles and supporting AAUWNJ members in collaborative projects. The Board supports traditional programs as well as novel ideas for mission-based work. It encourages networking with schools, community-based and other organizations that share our mission, thereby amplifying the benefit to people and the impact of Trust funds.

In addition to managing funds for the general Grant Program, the Trust also manages funds that are restricted to Tech Trek NJ. Donations to either program are welcome. The Trust is a Section 501(c)(3) charity, and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law (EIN 226543994).

Grant Program Information:

Grant Pool: The Board sets the amount of the grant pool annually from unrestricted Trust funds. It usually is in the range of \$5,000. The fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.

Individual Grant Size: The current limit is \$750 for a branch and \$1000 for district or state program. Exceptions are possible depending on the needs and quality of the activity.

Grant Assistance: Any questions about applying for a grant should be directed to the Charitable Trust President at aauwnj.ct@gmail.com

Ineligible Activities and Expenditures: General branch administrative and fund-raising activities are not eligible for this program. Salaries or costs of Grant administrators are not eligible. Branches no longer need to apply for a grant to Tech Trek at Stockton University since the Charitable Trust works directly with Tech Trek administrators.

Grantee Responsibilities:

- **Grant Recognition:** Appropriate print and visual materials should note that funding was made possible in part by the AAUW New Jersey Charitable Trust.
- **Final Report:** A Final Report should be submitted within thirty days of project completion. It is required before the final grant payment can be made.

Examples of Recently Awarded Grants:

FY21: Two grants were awarded, both novel programs with wide impact:

- Madison Branch: Streaming “*Like A Woman*” documentary and discussion with director (\$250). The program was available online to AAUW NJ members.
- Central District: “*Suffragists Speak*” professional filming for broad distribution within and outside of AAUW (\$1000).

FY20: Two grants were awarded to branches:

- Northern Ocean County Branch for “Be A Friend First” workshop for 4th-6th graders in collaboration with Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore (\$750).
- Atlantic Branch for TeenTech at ACCC (\$750). Although the event was canceled due to Covid-19, the grant will be honored if the event is held in the future.

FY19 – FY 15:

Branches:

Northern Ocean County Branch for “Be A Friend First” workshop (as above)

Northern Monmouth Branch for Running & Winning workshop

Sussex County Branch for Students visit to Thor Labs

Madison Branch for Start Smart training

Various for Tech Trek student support (this branch-level grant is no longer supported)

District / State:

Start Smart license; Tween-Tech; various TeenTechs; Women in Leadership Forum for Hoboken Junior and High School students; NCCWSL student sponsorship