



UAH Application for AAUW / UAH Women's and Gender Studies Sponsorship to Attend the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, May 28-30, 2015

About NCCWSL

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) and other women's organizations have sponsored the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders since 1985, and AAUW took over as chief sponsor in 2007. Participants refer to the conference with the acronym NCCWSL, pronounced "nick-whistle." Over 1000 women from all states and from around the world will attend. Participants will be able to:

- Choose from more than 50 workshops that prepare them for life after college.
- Meet incredible role models including Women of Distinction awardees and speakers.
- Make connections for life.
- Discover their future from more than eighty graduate schools and employers, and
- Gain the confidence and skills to return to their campuses and communities ready to take action.

Each year, the Huntsville Branch of AAUW sponsors students from area universities to attend the three-day conference, held at the University of Maryland, College Park, near Washington, DC. The Huntsville AAUW branch covers registration and travel expenses up to about \$900 per student and tries to sponsor at least one student from UAH each year. The Women's and Gender Studies Program at UAH assists in identifying UAH students to apply for the AAUW-Huntsville sponsorship. The Women's and Gender Studies Program also works to help raise funds to send a second UAH student to the leadership conference, if possible.

By filling out this application, you can apply to be one of the one to two students that UAH Women's and Gender Studies and its AAUW campus representatives will select for AAUW-Huntsville sponsorship and UAH Women's and Gender Studies fund raising assistance. Please note: even if you are not chosen for sponsorship, you can still apply to attend NCCWSL and to receive a NCCWSL national scholarship.

AAUW Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through education, research, advocacy, and philanthropy.

Online Details of the Conference: <http://www.nccwsl.org>

Testimonials from Past Participants:

UAH students who attended NCCWSL in past years have majored in a range of disciplines, including psychology, history, sociology, chemical engineering, chemistry, education, aeronautical engineering, English, art history, and civil and environmental engineering. Students have commented on the diversity of participants at the conference and on everyone's ability to share ideas across political and cultural differences. "Amazing," "inspiring," "fantastic" are some of the adjectives students use to describe the speakers and workshops. Many mention the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony as one of the most inspiring events. Another popular NCCWSL feature is Graduate School and Career Fair, where students meet with recruiters from top graduate programs and employers from around the country.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Campus Mailing Address: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Class Year: _____ Major/Minor: _____

GPA: _____

Application Instructions

- 1) **Essay:** Write a short essay—250-300 words—explaining why you would like to attend this leadership conference.
- 2) **Agreement:** Sign the enclosed Agreement.
- 3) **Submission:** Submit application materials to Erin Reid, Women's and Gender Studies Program Assistant, in Morton Hall 344, by 5pm, **Friday, February 20, 2015.**

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UAH Student Agreement

If you are chosen to be sponsored for the leadership conference, you will agree to the following:

- Prioritize your schedule so that you can attend the full conference, May 28-May 30, 2015. You may also want to attend the pre-conference on May 27, or stay over Saturday night May 30 (which can result in a cheaper air fare), but this is not required.
- Apply for NCCWSL Scholarships when filling out the online conference registration. <http://app.certain.com/profile/web/index.cfm?PKWebId=0x696541f3c1> The scholarship deadline is March 5, and the earlier you apply, the better your chances!
- Attend the AAUW-Huntsville Branch's "Breaking Through Barriers" luncheon, featuring Major General (retired) Barbara G. Fast, to be held on Friday, March 6, 2015, 11:30-1 at The Jackson Center on 6001 Moquin Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806 (adjacent to the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology in Cummings Research Park). This event is a fundraiser for NCCWSL. An AAUW member will sponsor your lunch.
- Become a member of the Alabama AAUW Student Advisory Council (SAC) as a UAH delegate. The President of UAH appoints these members based on Women's and Gender Studies recommendations.
- Attend the AAUW State Convention as a delegate to the Student Advisory Council. This year's meeting is in Mobile on Saturday March 21, and the theme is "Fostering the Next Generation of Women Leaders." The UAH president's office will cover your registration expenses.
- Become a student affiliate of the Huntsville AAUW branch. National AAUW e-membership is free because UAH is a corporate member of AAUW.
- Write a short (250-300 words) reflection on your experience, and report your conference experiences in person at the September AAUW branch meeting (Tues. Sept. 1, 2015, 5:30-7:00pm). If possible, you should also plan to attend the 2016 "Breaking through Barriers" luncheon and speak about your NCCWSL experiences in order to help raise money for new women to attend.
- Reimburse the AAUW-Huntsville Branch and / or UAH Women's and Gender Studies for any funds issued to you or to NCCWSL on behalf of you, should you not fulfill your commitment to attend.

Signature

Date