

**CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**AAUW of EAST MESA (AZ) BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

1. GPA of 2.5 or higher for associate degree students and High School Seniors.
2. GPA of 3.0 or higher for 4-year College students.
3. Students who are active participants in school and community activities, or those who have part-time employment are preferred.
4. AAUW of East Mesa (AZ) Branch mentors our scholarship recipients. Undergraduate scholars are required to have a mentor to receive a scholarship from the East Mesa Branch.
5. Scholarship recipients who (a) have participated in the AAUW of East Mesa Branch Scholarship Program, and (b) are planning to graduate from a 4-year college may renew the scholarship if all other criteria are met.
6. New applicants must be Arizona residents living in Apache Junction, Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Queen Creek, and Tempe in order that they can meet the mentoring requirements.
7. Renewal scholarship applicants who are associate degree students or 4-year college students must be Arizona residents and living in the Phoenix metropolitan area.
8. All applicants will demonstrate a financial need as indicated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Student Aid Report (SAR).
9. First year scholarship applicants are required to be full-time students to stay in the program
10. Scholarship applicants may be graduating high school seniors, associate degree students, undergraduate students at a 4-year college or adult re-entry students.
11. Scholarship recipients that are renewing the scholarship are expected to have the qualifying GPA. They may take less than 12 credit hours. The amount of the scholarship will be prorated based on the number of credit hours the scholar plans to take for the fall & spring semesters.
12. The Scholarship Committee requires a response to our scholarship offer by June 30 of the upcoming school year. After this date, the scholarship award will not be honored.
13. The scholar term should be capped at 4-years for all scholars. Extenuating circumstances will be brought to the scholarship chair in writing for review and decision by the committee. Any extenuating circumstances which impact dollar amounts must be presented to the Violet Larney Trust Committee for final approval.
14. Scholarships to any one student be capped at \$76,000 when a scholar enters a 4-year program and \$38,000 when a scholar enters a 2-year program. Scholars entering our program in the middle of their degree program will be capped based on \$19,000/year for the years they have left.

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