

2018 Dues Increase

The AAUW National organization voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59.



Our AAUW Port Townsend Board discussed and decided on how to deal with the increase. While \$10 is not a very large sum, the Board realizes that some members may feel any additional dues are a hardship. The Board discussed the matter of dues and while our branch has a modest reserve account, decided at its February 13 meeting that it would not be fiscally responsible to reduce our branch dues to absorb the dues increase.

Dues renewal for the coming year will increase from \$76 to \$86. Of that amount, \$59 goes to AAUW National, \$10 goes to AAUW-Washington state, and \$17 goes to support our branch activities. State and branch dues are unchanged.



Why did the national board decide to raise dues? Annual dues currently account for only 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget and there has not been a dues increase in over 10 years. Your dues help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more.

Julia Brown, AAUW Board Chair and Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO explain the dues increase in this video – click here www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update/

A portion of your dues may be tax deductible. Please see the AAUW Dues, Fees and Deductibility flyer to determine how much of your dues is tax deductible.

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Put your values into action and empower women and girls for generations to come! Contact <mailto:connect@auw.org> - to upgrade from annual to **lifetime membership** today and you will receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly knowing that you've put your values into action to advance AAUW's mission. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$980. **Take advantage of this opportunity to become a life member at this rate before March 16!** Click here for full details and video of girls talking about women's strength...

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