AAUW Scholarship Mentor Application Form

**PURPOSE OF AAUW SCHOLARSHIP MENTORS:**

Mentors provide support, friendship, encouragement, and informal counsel assist scholars to in achieving a four-year degree. Based upon their experience and knowledge of higher education, mentors may suggest specific academic, financial, and personal guidance and direction as appropriate. Mentors act as liaison between the Scholarship Board and scholars. AAUW Mentors make a four-year commitment or until graduation to stay with their mentee throughout their college/university studies.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF MENTORS:** The following are baseline responsibilities of AAUW mentors.

* Mentors attend with their mentee the new scholars’ luncheon at AAUW in the spring. Mentors are responsible for the transportation of their mentee to and from their high school.
* Meet with their mentees during the summer before freshman year to establish a relationship and determine their scholar’s support systems and academic goals, and to offer assistance in the transition to college as appropriate.
* At minimum, communicate with mentee twice per semester in freshman year, once per semester during sophomore, junior, and senior years. Communications may be in person, or through phone calls, face time, emails or texts.
* Send an informal report to the Scholarship Board regarding their mentee’s progress or email members of the scholarship Board after contact with their mentee.
* If possible, attend a Winter Holiday Brunch with other mentors and your mentee.
* Obtain freshmen transcripts for the fall and spring semesters and send to the Scholarship Board Chair. For sophomore, junior and senior mentees, send the end of the year transcript.
* If there is a concern, the mentor may request a fall transcript.
* Mentors may send little treats of encouragement during test taking time or cards throughout the year.

***SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERACTIONS WITH MENTEES:***

*If meeting in person, get-togethers over coffee or lunch are good for conversation. This is more difficult to do with mentees attending school outside of the Twin Cities area.*

*Some of the following are personal questions. The relationship you have with your mentee will determine their appropriateness.*

***The following are some questions that may stimulate conversation:***

***Academic***

*What courses are you taking this semester? Tell me about them.*

*What is your favorite course? What do you enjoy about the course?*

*Are there professors or TA’s available to assist you in navigating the course?*

*If mentoring a junior or senior, ask about internships or career plans.*

***Financial***

*Are you comfortable with your present financial situation?*

*Do you have health insurance with your university/ college?*

*Check in on FAFSA applications.*

***Living Arrangements***

*Are you involved in any campus life, student organizations?*

*How are your relationships going with your roommates?*

*Is your food plan meeting your needs?*

***Time Management***

*Have you been able to designate time in your day to complete your assignments?*

*Do you have time to exercise or have physical activity?*

*Do you have time to be with friends?*

***Work***

*Do you have a campus job?*

*What is your campus job like?*

*How many hours a week do you work?*

***Family***

*If out of state, how are you doing not living with your family?*

*If on campus, are you able to visit your family?*

*Do you hear from your family regularly?*

*I understand the four-year commitment and the requirements of this mentor position. I would like to be considered as an AAUW Scholarship mentor next year. (Please check)*

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*Email Phone*

*Return this application to Carol Sheldon or Sharon, our office manager, by Thursday, April 3. The selection process is a random draw which will be made on Monday, April 7. All applicants will be notified of the results. Once new scholars have accepted the AAUW scholarship offer, mentees will be assigned.*