

AAUW-NM AWARDS TASK FORCE PROPOSAL

AAUW-NM Ingenious Ideas Award

Description: Award given annually to AAUW-NM branches for innovative and successful mission-based programs, activities, or governance practices. This award was originally created and inspired by Marjorie Bell Chambers and Gloria Cordova, both long-time AAUW members and mentors.

Purpose: To recognize groundbreaking and outstanding branch programs, activities, fundraising ideas, member recruitment activities, and governance practices. To encourage mission-based programs and provide tested ideas for other branches to replicate.

Criteria (must meet one or more):

- Innovative and successful mission-based branch program
- Successful new branch activity or new collaboration (within the past 3 years)
- Innovative and successful membership recruitment activity
- Innovative and successful fundraising activity
- New and successful governance practice (within the past 3 years)

Who nominates	Branch board, council, or president/facilitator
Nomination deadline	April 1
Nomination process	Complete a nomination form on the AAUW-NM website and send to AAUW-NM Awards Chair.
Selection process	AAUW-NM Awards Committee chooses winner.
When awarded	AAUW-NM convention
Award	Check for \$75 to one branch for best idea. All nominations that meet one or more award criteria are recognized at convention, published in Summer <i>Roadrunner</i> , and posted on AAUW-NM website.
Award budget	\$75
Review cycle	Reviewed by Leadership Team every four years.

AAUW-NM Legacy of Leadership Award

Description: Biennial award given in even-numbered years to an AAUW-NM member for sustained contributions to AAUW's mission and leadership at the branch, state, or national level or any combination of them.

Purpose: To honor and recognize outstanding AAUW service and support of AAUW's mission.

Criteria (must meet all):

- AAUW member for more than 10 years with at least 5 years in New Mexico
- Significant and extended service to the AAUW mission
- Sustained leadership role in AAUW of at least 10 years
- Not a current elected member of the AAUW-NM Leadership Team or the Immediate Past President

Who nominates Branch board or council, AAUW-NM Leadership Team, or individual member of AAUW-NM.

Nomination deadline Three weeks before winter AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting.

Nomination process Complete a nomination form on the AAUW-NM website and send to AAUW-NM Awards Chair. Awards Committee will review and submit no more than three nominations for final consideration.

Selection process Secret ballot to current elected members of AAUW-NM Leadership Team and Immediate Past President one week before winter Leadership Team Meeting. Completed ballot to be returned to Awards Chair before or at winter Leadership Team Meeting.

When awarded AAUW-NM convention, with first award to be given during 2016 convention.

Award AAUW-NM donates \$100 to AAUW Fund of the recipient's choice and gives recipient a small token of appreciation of the Awards Chair's choice. The Awards Committee will prepare an article about the recipient to be published in *Summer Roadrunner* and posted on AAUW-NM website. The AAUW-NM Media Relations Chair will publicize this award widely, including in the recipient's hometown print and electronic media.

Award budget \$125

Review cycle Reviewed by Leadership Team every four years.

AAUW-NM Mission in Action Award

Description: Biennial award given in odd-numbered years to recognize a person, group of people, or organization that exemplifies and furthers AAUW's mission. Nominees potentially would be a person (educator, legislator, judge, business person, AAUW member, etc.) or group that has made major contributions to improve women's and children's status, education, and/or well-being in New Mexico. The award is open to both AAUW members and nonmembers who live and work in New Mexico.

Purpose: To honor and recognize a person or group that exemplifies and/or furthers AAUW's mission. This award is designed to raise awareness and visibility of AAUW in New Mexico as well as of contributions made to empowering women.

Criteria (must meet all):

- Significant and major contribution to the education, advancement, or well being of women and children in New Mexico.
- Person or group exemplifies and furthers AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, philanthropy, and research.
- Nominees are residents of New Mexico (or a majority of a group's members are residents of New Mexico). An AAUW-NM branch is eligible.

Who nominates	Branch board or council, AAUW-NM Leadership Team, or individual member of AAUW-NM.
Nomination deadline	Three weeks before winter AAUW-NM Leadership Team Meeting.
Nomination process	Complete a nomination form available on the AAUW-NM website and send to AAUW-NM Awards Chair. Awards Committee will review and submit no more than three nominations for final consideration.
Selection process	Secret ballot to current elected members of AAUW-NM Leadership Team and Immediate Past President one week before winter Leadership Team Meeting. Completed ballot to be returned to Awards Chair before or at winter Leadership Team Meeting.
When awarded	AAUW-NM convention, with first award to be given during 2017 convention.
Award	A plaque, trophy, certificate, or other suitable item worthy of the award and engraved with award name, recipient's name, and year. The Awards Committee will prepare an article about the recipient to be published in Summer <i>Roadrunner</i> and posted on AAUW-NM website. The AAUW-NM Media Relations Chair will publicize this award widely, including in the recipient's hometown print and electronic media as well as in Albuquerque media.
Award budget	\$125
Review cycle	Reviewed by Leadership Team every four years.