



## July 2017 - June 2018 Public Policy Timeline

AAUW State and Branch Public Policy Chairs are encouraged to use this timeline to plan advocacy activities, events, news hooks, and other timely opportunities for action.

- Historical dates
- Holidays and commemorative dates
- Federal government dates
- AAUW dates

### July 2017

- July 1: AAUW's Fiscal Year 2018 begins
- July 2: Civil Rights Act signed into law in 1964
- July 19-20: Seneca Falls Convention held in 1848
- July 31: Black Women's Equal Pay Day

### August 2017

- Congressional August recess (district and state work period)
- August 1: Applications made available for [National Student Advisory Council](#), [Campus Action Project](#) grants, and [Community Action Grants](#)
- August 6: Voting Rights Act signed into law in 1965
- August 26: Women's Equality Day
- August 28: Civil rights March on Washington held in 1963

### September 2017

- National Campus Safety Awareness Month
- September 5: Congress returns from August recess
- September 13: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) signed into law in 1994
- September 15 - October 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 15-22: House recess (district work period)
- September 21-22: Senate recess (state work period)
- September 25: Native American Women's Equal Pay Day
- September 25: Deadline for submitting [National Student Advisory Council](#) applications
- September 26: National Voter Registration Day
- TBA (mid-September): New gender pay gap data is released; AAUW updates *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap* report

### October 2017

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- October 2: Deadline for submitting [Campus Action Project](#) applications
- October 2: First day of the 2017-2018 U.S. Supreme Court term
- October 9-13: Senate recess (state work period)
- October 11: U.N. International Day of the Girl Child
- October 14-22: House recess (district work period)

### November 2017

- Native American History Month
- November 2: Latina Equal Pay Day
- November 7: Election Day
- November 13-17: National Education Week
- November 17-27: House recess (district work period)

- November 20-24: Senate recess (state work period)
- November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- November 28: AAUW's first organizational meeting held in 1881

### December 2017

- December 4-10: Computer Science Education Week
- December 10: Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) first introduced in U.S. Senate in 1923
- December 13: Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) first introduced in U.S. House in 1923
- December 15: 115<sup>th</sup> Congress target adjournment

### January 2018

- National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- January 3: Second session of 115<sup>th</sup> Congress opens
- January 15: [Community Action Grants](#) applications due
- January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 22: *Roe v. Wade* decided in 1973
- January 29: Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act signed into law in 2009
- TBA: State of the Union

### February 2018

- Black History Month
- February 4: National Girls and Women in Sports Day
- February 5: Family and Medical Leave Act signed in to law in 1993
- TBA: Congressional Presidents' Day recess
- TBA: President releases Fiscal Year 2018 budget

### March 2018

- Women's History Month
- March 8: International Women's Day
- TBA (likely in March, dates announced October 2017): Asian American Women's Equal Pay Day

### April 2018

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- TBA: Congressional Spring recess
- TBA (likely in April, dates announced October 2017): Equal Pay Day

### May 2018

- May 13: Mother's Day
- May 14-19: National Women's Health Week
- TBA (Late May/early June): National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
- TBA: Congressional Memorial Day recess
- TBA (likely in May, dates announced October 2017): White women's Equal Pay Day
- TBA (likely in May, dates announced October 2017): Mothers' Equal Pay Day

### June 2018

- LGBT Pride Month
- June 10: Equal Pay Act signed into law in 1963
- June 17: Father's Day
- June 23: Title IX signed into law in 1972