

# American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch, Inc.

## Adult Learners in Transition Scholarship



### Guidelines:

- **Materials (recommendations, transcripts and applications) must be postmarked or received electronically by February 13, 2026. Applications submitted online must have an e-signature.**
- Up to two scholarship awards for full-time study (12 or more credit hours per semester) each in the amount of \$5,000 and up to two scholarship awards for part-time study (less than 12 credit hours per semester each in the amount of \$2,500).
- Applicant must be female and, at the time of application (i.e., in February), be continuing or returning to post-secondary education on a full- or part-time basis.
- Applicant must be pursuing a minimum of a two-year course of study that leads to a degree or a certificate to qualify for employment or advancement in the applicant's chosen field.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a Title IV accredited school in the fall following the application; proof of enrollment required to receive award.
- Applicant must be a Western New York resident. Applicant does not need to currently study at a WNY institution. However, the applicant must have lived in Western New York prior to attending college or is now (and has been for at least a year) a resident of Western New York. The counties of Western New York are Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany.
- Applicant must submit the most recent official transcript available.
- While no minimum GPA is required to qualify for the scholarship, the applicant's prior scholastic achievements and performance will be considered by the scholarship review committee in evaluating the applicant's likelihood of success in the chosen course of study.
- Applicant must submit two letters of recommendation. Letters should be obtained from persons well acquainted with the applicant, for example academic professionals, employers, a volunteer organization that the applicant has experience with; a clergy person, etc. but not a relative. The letters must include the name of the applicant plus the name, phone number and position of the recommender and how they came to know the applicant.
- **Letters of recommendation and transcripts may be sent in one of two ways:**
  - 1) Recommenders and colleges may send the documents directly to our address or email address.
  - 2) You may obtain SEALED original letters of recommendation and transcripts and you may send those sealed along with your application (in a single envelope). This gives you the greatest control over the receipt of your application and supporting materials.  
**In either case, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that the documents are received by the deadline. Late or missing materials will disqualify the application.**
- Applicant must submit a one- to two-page essay telling their story - where they are in their academic and professional journey, why they are pursuing higher education, what obstacles they have encountered in the past and expect to encounter in the future, and why they think they will succeed.
- Applicant must attend a personal interview if requested to do so.
- Applications and supporting documents must be received by the deadline. It is **the** applicant's responsibility to send or mail in time and to ensure that all transcripts, references, etc. are sent in time to meet the deadline. Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted. It is highly suggested that applicants send or mail materials *at least two days prior to the deadline*.
- Awards will be announced by mid-April and presented after receiving confirmation / proof of enrollment.
- All applications must be computer printed using at least a 12-point font. Handwritten applications will not be considered.

### Send completed applications and all printed materials to:

**ALT Scholarship Committee, 5500 N Bailey Ave, PO Box 844, Amherst, NY 14226**

**OR Email: [ALT@aauwbuffalo.org](mailto:ALT@aauwbuffalo.org) to ask questions or submit an online application.**

*AAUW is a non-profit organization which advances equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Many of our scholarships are funded through the AAUW-Buffalo annual Used Book Sale - volunteers are welcome!*

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**PLEASE FILL IN ONLINE OR TYPE. You may attach information to the application.  
HAND-WRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list ALL post secondary schools attended since high school; current first.**

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>

**Letters of Recommendation (list name of reference)**

1<sup>st</sup> Reference \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Reference \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Declaration**

I certify that all of the information contained in my application form is accurate and that I did not receive any assistance (including AI) in completing the essay portion of this application. I understand that, at the option of American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch, Inc., I may be interviewed as a candidate for the Adult Learners in Transition Scholarship Award. I consent to the review and release of this application to the appropriate persons of AAUW, Buffalo Branch. I also consent to the release of my name and information for publicity purposes if I am an award recipient.

Signature/e-Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Please type in the space provided or use a separate sheet of paper to answer these questions.

**Introduce Yourself-** In three to five sentences, tell us about yourself including your current career interests. *For example: "I am currently employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ and have 36 credit hours toward a degree in \_\_\_\_\_. I am planning to enroll in college to complete a/an \_\_\_\_\_ degree. I hope to \_\_\_\_\_."*

**Student Activities** - Describe your past and present student activities and any leadership role you played in them. Please include what you find most rewarding or valuable about your participation in these activities and what you have learned about yourself and others.

**Community Involvement** - Describe the past and present activities in which you participated that benefit your community. Why did you select these activities and how have they affected your personal growth?

**Work Experience** - List any work or volunteer experience and what you gained from that experience.

**Awards/Recognition/Honors** - List any awards/recognition/honors which you have received.

**Where/how** did you learn about this scholarship program?

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## **Adult Learners in Transition Scholarship**

**ESSAY IS TO BE APPROXIMATELY 1 PAGE, SINGLE SIDED, DOUBLE SPACED, MINIMUM 12-POINT FONT. (No more than 2 pages.)**

**The Adult Learners in Transition Scholarship is designed to address the needs of non-traditional students such as self-supporting students, those returning to post secondary education following situations in which education was disrupted, those pursuing further education to advance in their career, and those who may not qualify for other AAUW scholarships.**

**Please write a detailed essay in which you tell the scholarship review committee your personal and academic story. What obstacles have you encountered in your pursuit of education? How have you overcome those obstacles? How will this scholarship help you to achieve your goals for the future? Why do you think you will succeed?**

### **CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANT:**

- Complete application, including essay, sent to: Adult Learners in Transition Committee, 5500 N Bailey Ave, PO Box 844, Amherst, NY 14226 or ALT@aauwbuffalo.org.
- Transcript(s) requested
- Two letters of recommendation, each including recommendee and recommender information.