

# American Association of University Women Buffalo Branch, Inc.

## Swift-MacClennan Public Affairs Scholarship



### Guidelines:

- Application materials must be postmarked or received electronically by Feb 13, 2026.
- Applicant must be a female student who is a high school senior, college student, or enrolled in a graduate program who has demonstrated classwork or actual participation in on-campus newspapers or television productions.
- The applicant must be a Western New York resident from the counties of Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany.
- All applications must be computer printed using at least a 12-point font. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- Applicant will complete an essay of one to two pages. Using her experience in print or broadcast journalism, she will demonstrate how she is interested in making a difference in **one** of the following areas – gender equity, advancing women’s rights, protecting the environment, or broadening women’s representation in STEM fields.
- Applicant must submit a recent official transcript.
- Applicant must submit **two** letters of recommendation. Letters should be obtained from those who are well able to attest to their work in on-campus newspaper or television production, but not a relative. The letters must include the name of the applicant, plus the name, address, phone number, and position of the recommender and how they came to know the applicant.
- Letters of recommendation and transcript may be sent in one of two ways:
  - 1) Recommenders and schools may send the documents directly to our address or email address,
  - 2) You may obtain sealed original letters of recommendation and transcripts and send those sealed along with your application in one single envelope.
- Awards will be announced by mid-April and presented after receiving confirmation/proof of enrollment for the summer or fall semester of 2026.
- Send completed applications and all printed materials to:

Swift-MacClennan Scholarship Committee, PO Box 894, Buffalo, NY 14225 OR  
Email to [swift-mac@aauwbuffalo.org](mailto:swift-mac@aauwbuffalo.org).

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

High School Senior                       Undergraduate Student                       Graduate Student

School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Letters of Recommendation (List name of reference)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe how you have been involved with the print or broadcast journalism of your school or community.**  
(No more than ½ page in font-12 type)

**Required essay:** Using your experience in print or broadcast journalism, demonstrate how you are interested in making a difference in **one** of the following areas – gender equity, advancing women's rights, protecting the environment, or broadening women's representation in STEM fields. Submit the one to two page essay (at least 12-pt font) with your application.

**Applicant's Declaration:** I certify that all information contained in my application form is accurate and that I have not received any assistance (including AI) in completing the essay portion of the application. I consent to the review and release of this application to the appropriate persons at AAUW, Buffalo Branch. I also consent to the release of my name and information for publicity purposes, if I am the recipient.

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

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