

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, 2027.
- 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, or 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.
- Swift-MacClennan Awards will be announced by mid-April by letter sent to recipient. The Scholarship check will be sent after receiving confirmation/proof of enrollment for the summer or fall semester 2027 using the same email swift-mac@aauwbuffalo.org.
- 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.

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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 at least 12-pt font)

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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