

## About the Ashland Branch

The Ashland Branch of AAUW was formed in the 1930's. By 2009 the Branch has grown to almost 200 members, the largest branch in the State of Oregon.

### Membership

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. With more than 1000 branches and 100,000 members, the national organization provides a powerful voice on issues affecting women and girls. The Ashland Branch is a community of like-minded people who work to influence public policy, improve educational opportunities, award scholarships to SOU and RCC students, and offer lifelong-learning opportunities. We are friends.

AAUW annual membership runs from July 1 through June 30 the following year. A membership application is available on the branch website [www.aauwashland.org](http://www.aauwashland.org). Membership dues are \$75 per year.

AAUW maintains a Helping Hand Fund to provide one-time financial dues assistance to members. Contact the Membership Secretary for more information about this program.

In principal and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

### Leadership

The **Leadership Team** (LT) serves as the Executive Committee with the responsibility of creating a vision for the organization that includes the coordinating, planning, and paperwork arm of the Board. LT members also serve as resource persons for Board members.

The Ashland Branch is managed by a **Board**, some of whom are elected and some appointed. Board meetings are open to all members of the Branch. If you would like to serve on the Board, let one of the Board members know; we are always looking for members willing to take on a leadership role.

**Committees and Work Teams** are formed to accomplish the work of the Branch.

Committees include:

Membership	Membership Directory	Honors Brunch
Strategic Planning	Interest Groups	Garden Tour
Programs	Newsletter	Community Forums
Projects	Public Information	Public Policy
Fundraising	Women In Need (WIN)	
Advertising	Scholarships	

We encourage you to get involved and become a committee member. You are always welcome!

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