# National Association of University Women, Inc.
# Lake Charles Branch

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## 2025-2026 Book Stipend Application

## National Association of University Women

The National Association of University Women is an organization whose primary focus is on women, youth, and the disadvantaged in our communities and in developing countries by addressing educational issues, advancing the status of women's issues, and strategically partnering with allied organizations. Information about the National Association of University may be found at www.nauw1910.org.

## BOOK STIPEND AWARDS

This year, the Lake Charles Branch is awarding $500.00 BOOK STIPENDS to **two African American** high school graduates **(male/female).**

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for a NAUW book stipend, the applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior male/female – May 2026
- Must have a 2.0 GPA or better
- Enter a four-year university or college as a full-time freshman in the Fall of 2026
- Based on financial needs

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To be considered for a book stipend, a completed application must be sent by the applicant to the address listed below, postmarked **March 7, 2026**. Applications received after the postmarked date will not be considered. Your completed application must include the following:

1. Book Stipend Application Form (**Signed, Dated, and a Recent Photo of Yourself**)
2. Please send a copy of your official high school transcript. The transcript should be mailed with the application. If additional space is needed, use 8 ½"x11" paper and attach the application from your school to the address below, or mail it in an envelope sealed by a school official with the **official's signature or the school's raised seal on the transcript**.
3. You will need two letters of recommendation:
    - A letter of recommendation must be from the parent/Guardian expressing financial need.
    - A letter of recommendation from the School Counselor, Teacher, Principal, Clergy, or Organizational Sponsor. If the letter is from Counselor, Teacher, Principal, Clergy, or Organizational Sponsor, then it must be on the **official letterhead** and include the length of time (2 or more years), the person completing the application has known you, in what capacity, and additional comments regarding intellectual ability, maturity, and motivation, interpersonal, verbal and writing skills. Please include contact information for your reference.

*Mail all completed applications with official transcripts and recommendation letters by **March 7, 2026,** to the address below: All information is considered confidential.

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## Book Stipend Application

## I. Applicant Information

| First Name | Middle Name | Last Name |
|---|---|---|
| Street Address | | |
| City | State | Zip |
| Home Phone | Cell Phone | Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) |
| E-mail Address | | |

### High School

| High School Attending | | Grade | ACT Score | GPA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Address | City | State | Zip | |

### College/University and Major

| Preferred College/University | Location (City and State) |
|---|---|
| Intended Major/Field of Study | Intended Minor/Field of Study |

## II. Parent/Guardian Information

| Name of Mother/Guardian | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mother/Guardian's Address (if different from applicant's) | City | State | Zip |
| Mother's Work Phone | Mother's Home/Cell Phone | | |
| Mother's Occupation | Mother's Employer | | |
| Name of Father/Guardian | | | |
| Father/Guardian's Address (if different from applicant's) | City | State | Zip |
| Father's Work Phone | Father's Home/Cell Phone | | |
| Father's Occupation | Father's Employer | | |

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## III. Financial Need

Check the box below that best describes your family's combined gross income. Income should include employment, SSI, FIA, alimony, child support, disability, etc.

- ☐ $0 - $14,999
- ☐ $15,000 - $29,999
- ☐ $30,000 - $49,999
- ☐ $50,000 - $74,999
- ☐ $75,000 - $99,999
- ☐ $100,000 or more

| Number of Dependent Children in Family | Number of Dependent Children Currently Attending a College/University |
|---|---|
| | |

## IV. Honors and Awards (e.g., academic, athletic, community, and/or school awards)

| Award | Source of Award | Reason(s) for Award |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |
| 5. | | |

## V. Extra-Curricular/Community Service Activities (e.g., school, religious, social groups)

| Name of Group/Activity | Grade (Check boxes that apply.) | | | | Leadership Position(s) Held |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| 1. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| 2. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| 3. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| 4. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| 5. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| 6. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| 7. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | |

## VI. Colleges and Universities

| Name of School to Which You Applied | City/State | Status of Application |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |
| 5. | | |
| 6. | | |
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## VII. Financial Awards and Scholarships

| Scholarship, Loan, Grant, or Award Applied For | Source | Amount Awarded vs. Expected |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |
| 5. | | |

## VIII. Work/Volunteer Experience

| Employer/Organization | Dates of Employment/Service | Position Held |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |

## IX. General Essay for all applicants - * Use a separate sheet.

Typed 150-word autobiography- highlighting your community service, leadership activities, and college and career goals.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date:_____

Signature of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s). Signature

_____ Date: _____

Check one: ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Guardian

_____ Date: _____

Check one: ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Guardian

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# Book Stipend Application Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure that you have submitted all the required materials to receive consideration for the book stipend. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Your application **must** include the following documents:

- □ A completed and signed application form (signed by applicant and parent/guardian).
- □ An **official, signed** high school transcript (sealed envelope).
- □ Two (2) letters of recommendation.
    - A letter of recommendation must be from the parent/Guardian expressing financial need.
    - A letter of recommendation from the School Counselor, Teacher, Principal, Clergy, or Organizational Sponsor. If the letter is from Counselor, Teacher, Principal, Clergy, or Organizational Sponsor, then it must be on the official letterhead and include the length of time (2 or more years), the person completing the application has known you, in what capacity, and additional comments regarding intellectual ability, maturity, and motivation, interpersonal, verbal and writing skills. Please include contact information for your reference.
- □ Wallet-size photograph
- □ Typed 150-word autobiography
- □ Media Release Form signed by parent/guardian

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Media Release Form for Minors (if under 18)

The National Association of University Women-Lake Charles Branch has my permission to use my or my child's photograph publicly. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____Date_____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____