

AAUW-Idaho Biennial Action Priorities 2010 -2012

Biennial priorities for Idaho are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong member support, and the potential for distinctive AAUW-Idaho contribution or leadership.

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW-Idaho advocates

- Adequate and equitable funding for public education for all students
- Opposition to the use of public funds for non-public elementary or secondary education
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, including vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.
- Increased support and access to higher education for women & disadvantaged populations
- Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women & girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW-Idaho advocates

- Pay equity and fairness in compensation
- Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes
- Greater availability of and access to benefits and policies that promote work-life balance
- Programs that provide women with education, training and support for success in the workforce, including non-traditional occupations, and women's entrepreneurship
- Strengthening programs, including welfare and vocational education, to improve post secondary access, career development and earning potential
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvement and protecting Social Security from privatization

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW-Idaho advocates

- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights

- Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities
- Increased access to quality, affordable health care and family planning services, including expansion of patients' rights
- Support for Idaho programs that address human rights and women's and girl's concerns
- Freedom in definition of family and guarantee of civil rights in all family structures.