**FY2026 Five-Star Program Requirements**

(July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026)

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| **Focus Area** | **Requirements** | **Done** | **Star Earned** |
| **Advancement**(Only 3 are required for a star) | Raise $30 per member in FY26 for the Greatest Needs Fund. |  |  |
| Increase contributions to the Greatest Needs Fund by 15% from the last fiscal year. |  |
| Retain at least 80% of the branch membership. |  |
| Increase the number of individual donors compared to the previous fiscal year. |  |
| Make a branch contribution to the Defend Higher Education OR Public Policy Fund. |  |
| Recruit at least one Legacy Circle member from your branch in FY26. |  |
| **Public Policy & Advocacy**(Only 3 are required for a star) | Appoint a branch public policy chair for FY26. |  |  |
| Conduct a meeting with an elected official regarding an AAUW public policy position. This could include local, state, or federal officials.  |  |
| Participate in a state lobby day. |  |
| Hold a program on a policy topic related to public policy principles and priorities. (This also counts towards a Program Star.) |  |
| Conduct a voter registration or voter education event. |  |
| Organize a group action—such as letter-writing, attending a school board meeting, or hosting a town hall—aligned with the AAUW Action Network calls to action |  |
| **Governance & Sustainability**(Only 3 are required for a star) | Branch board creates or annually reviews a succession plan to ensure future leadership is identified. |  |  |
| The branch board develops and implements a plan to participate in the 5-Star Program. |  |
| The branch board develops or updates their strategic plan to align with the AAUW national strategic plan. |  |
| Appoint a Diversity Officer to lead diversity and inclusion planning OR formalize diversity and inclusion programming in another branch position, such as Programs VP, planning with board support. |  |
| Hold at least one branch program focused on justice, equity, diversity, or inclusion topics. (This also counts towards a Programming star)> |  |
| Complete an environmental scan of your branch, using the DEI toolkit resources. |  |
| Participate in the Annual Branch Survey. |  |

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| **Programs** | Hold at least 4 programs that align with AAUW’s strategic plan. |  |  |
| **Communications & External Relations**(Only 3 are required for a star)See the source image | Branch has a designated communications point person and follows AAUW National on platforms where it operates social media accounts. |  |  |
| Share 3-5 posts aligned with AAUW’s mission per quarter on branch social media accounts (can be shared/reposted from AAUW National accounts).  |  |
| Include information from AAUW National in branch newsletters at least quarterly (pulling from Mission & Action, Washington Update emails, etc.). |  |
| Ensure all branch leaders subscribe to AAUW emails and share the email re-subscribed link with members quarterly in member communications.  |  |
| Twice a year, assess the national website and include updated information on the branch website (linking to the new strategic plan page, sharing the latest content updates, and sharing the latest membership information).  |  |

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