

AAUW's National Five Star Recognition Program provides branches with a framework to ensure they are aligned with AAUW's mission and priorities. The WSM Board supports the Five Star program and actively integrates its guidelines into the strategic planning process.

Branches earn a star by meeting the criteria in one of the five categories. A branch can earn from 0 to 5 stars. The more categories a branch meets, the more stars it earns. West Suburban-Milwaukee has earned five stars for the fiscal year 25. Our stars shine in these five categories:

- ★ **Public Policy and Diversity**
- ★ **Governance & Sustainability**
- ★ **Programs**
- ★ **Communications and External Relations**
- ★ **Advancement**

This achievement is a testament to the dedication, collaboration, and efforts of our branch leaders and members. These efforts have made attaining five stars possible—and together, we continue to support equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Let's keep the momentum going and celebrate this success as a springboard for even greater impact and Five Star status in fiscal year 2026!