**Erie AAUW** **Refugee and Immigrant Scholarship Application (RISA)**

# QUALIFICATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The American Association of University Women, Erie Branch is awarding $1,500 scholarships this year to qualified applicants.

Requirements:

The scholarships are for Erie County women who are full or part-time students enrolled in or plan to enroll in an English or ESL/GED program.

1. Be a refugee or immigrant to the United States within the last 10 years.
2. Be an Erie County resident.
3. Funds **must** be used for an English or ESL/GED program
4. Have not previously received an AAUW RISA scholarship award.

Due Date:

Send the completed application to [scholarshipaauw@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipaauw@gmail.com) or by mail to the address below. **Applications must be sent electronically by April 4, 2025 or postmarked no later than April 4, 2025.** Recipients will be notified by April 30, 2025. If you have questions, please email to [scholarshipaauw@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipaauw@gmail.com).

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PO Box 9264

Erie, PA 16505

# APPLICATION

(Confidential information – Please print or type)

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| Name (First/Middle Initial/Last) |  |
| Home Address |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Phone |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Past Employment History  (Use Separate Page If Needed) |  |
| Current Employer (If Applicable) |  |
| Job Title |  |
| Date of entry to the USA |  |

# ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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| **Previous University Attended (If Applicable)** |  |
| Academic Major |  |
| Degree (If Attained) |  |
| Number of Credits |  |
| **Current University Attending (If Applicable)** |  |
| Date of Enrollment (Supply Copy of Letter of  Admission) |  |
| Full-time or Part-time student |  |
| Academic major(s) |  |
| Courses you are currently taking and   credit hours for each |  |
| Credits Earned to Date   (Supply Copy of Transcript) |  |
| Expected credits in the next semester |  |
| Expected graduation date |  |
| Degree Expected |  |

# EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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| **Previous Employer (If Applicable)** |  |
| Organization/Job Title/ Dates |  |
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# BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY

Answers to the following questions are to be typed (if possible).

1. Outline your educational and career goals. Explain why you chose these goals.
2. What specific challenges and obstacles do you currently face as you attempt to reach your educational and career goals?
3. How will you contribute to your community in the future?

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER’S STATEMENT: If applicable / If applicant is currently enrolled in a higher education program of study.

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| Student Name: | |
| Student ID: | |
| **Education Costs for the Semester/Term** | **Financial Support** |
| Tuition/Fees/Materials: | Pell Grant: |
|  | PHEAA: |
| Other Scholarships: | Loans: |
| Officer’s Name: | |
| Signature: | |
| Date: | |
| College/University: | |

The student named above, has applied for an American Association of University Women, Erie Branch Refugee and Immigrant Scholarship Award (RISA). This statement should be completed by the Financial Aid Officer and returned to the applicant. **The applicant’s deadline is April 4, 2024**.