**Agent of Change**

This prestigious award is presented annually to an active member of AAUW-IL. The Nominee should be an outstanding member who has actively promoted change within the AAUW organization or local/national community.

Selection of the best candidate for the award will be based on the candidate’s actions or level of support for one or more of the following activities:

* Identifying or bringing attention to a societal problem that disproportionately affects women and girls,
* Addressing a problem related to the economic security or professional advancement of women,
* Addressing an issue related to gender equity or diversity in public education or equal access to specific occupations,
* Taking action related to civil rights or social justice issues affecting women and girls,
* Taking actions that improve the ability of a state or local affiliate of AAUW to address issues of gender equity and civil rights with the community,
* Taking actions related to mission-oriented issues that raise the visibility of AAUW in the local community or at large.

Nominations may be initiated by any Branch member, Branch Board of Directors or Branch President. Multiple members may be nominated from a single Branch. Branches are encouraged to resubmit nominations, if their nominee was not selected for the Agent of Change Award that year.

A committee of the AAUW-IL Board of Directors will review the nominations. The Agent of Change will be announced at the Annual State Convention held each spring.

A nomination form may be found at aauw-il.aauw.net. Nominations must be emailed no later than March 1, 2022 to Marcia Wherry, Southern District Director, [mjwherry@aol.com](mailto:mjwherry@aol.com)

Questions about the Agent of Change Award or about the process of submitting an application may be addressed to Marcia Wherry.