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To: Branch Fellowships Chairwomen

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Illinois celebrates its 50th anniversary as a Division of AAUW this biennium. What better opportunity can there be to pay special tribute to the rich history of the AAUW Educational Foundation. Let all of us, then, make this a very special year for Fellowships.

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

All incoming board members inherit files. Read through these materials so you have a feel for the history of the program as well as knowledge of current developments.

Your first job as Fellowships Chairwoman is to educate members about the AAUW Fellowships Program and the function of the Educational Foundation. Prepare a brief history including some recent anecdotes and statistics to help members identify with the program. Take a few minutes at branch meetings or a paragraph in each Newsletter to remind members of the IMPORTANCE of Fellowship to the total AAUW program.

Become familiar with the many excellent publications from the Educational Foundation and USE THEM. Keep a supply on hand to give to new members, prospective members and all other interested persons. Informative pamphlets such as The Fellowships Program and The AAUW Educational Foundation are available from the association office in Washington, D.C.

Do a little research on your own. All of use are aware that funds for advanced education are in short supply. As a result it is becoming increasingly difficult for qualified women to obtain money for advanced study. The AAUW Fellowships Program is the only one of its kind that serves women exclusively, and with the realization of the Centennial Fund objectives the scope of assistance to women scholars will be considerably broader.

Inform your membership about the Individual Project Grants and the State Division and Branch Public Service Grants made available through the Research and Projects endowments of the Education Foundation. These grants go beyond the scope of formal academic work traditionally associated with fellowships and can be of special interest to branch members not actively engaged in academic pursuits.

YOUR ROLE IN BRANCH PROGRAMMING

The Fellowships Program is not simply a fund raising adjunct to AAUW. It is one of the principal raisons d'entre for the Association. Plan at least one branch program devoted to Fellowships featuring a current Fellow if one is available, a past recipient of a Fellowships award or a State Board member.

If your branch cannot arrange to have an outside speaker, be creative and develop your own program from the wealth of materials relating to AAUW Fellows and their accomplishments. Another thought is to work with the TIC for "*Woman: Searching for Self*," and explore the needs of the woman scholar and how she may be assisted by AAUW Foundation programs.

1973-74 FELLOWS

Close to 200 Fellowships were awarded to American and foreign women for advanced study this year. A list of the recipients studying in or near Illinois will appear in the fall issue of The University Woman. You may obtain a complete list from the Educational Foundation or from me. If you are successful in contacting a Fellow will you please let me know so that I have her address on file.

FALL WORKSHOPS

There will be program sessions for Fellowships at the Belleville and Joliet workshops. Come and we'll exchange thoughts on both programming and fund raising. Hopefully, one of the current Fellows will be able to join us at each of the sessions.

Have a good year!