



AAUW MI M. Jean Jokipii Memorial Speech Contest

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Dear Administrators and Teachers:

The Escanaba Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is pleased to announce the statewide **M. Jean Jokipii Memorial Speech Contest** for high school students (grades 9-12) scheduled at the Delta-Schoolcraft Intermediate School District on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016**, from **10:30 to 12:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided for students, workers and guests at **12:00 noon.**

The speech topic is the gender pay gap, which affects all families, and the theme is **“I am worth more than...”** We hope you will help us to encourage a wide variety of students, male and female, to participate in this competitive public speaking opportunity by talking with them and other speech, drama, business and language arts teachers. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three contest winners along with certificates of participation for all. **The deadline for application is Friday, December 18, 2015.**

The local finalist will be entered into the state selection process. A DVD or MP4 recording of the student's speech will be sent to a panel of state judges by **February 1, 2016.** The semi-state finalists will be announced by the state by **March 2, 2016**, and the top state finalist by **April 2, 2016.** The state winner will be invited to deliver her/his speech at the AAUW of Michigan State Convention on **Saturday, April 30, 2016** at the Somerset Inn, Troy, MI. A cash prize and certificate of achievement will be presented. AAUW of Michigan will pay for gas mileage, lodging, and lunch for the winning contestant and her/his guardian, not to exceed budgeted amount.

Sincerely,

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Forms and videos of 2015 speeches may be found on the Escanaba Area Branch website: www.escanabaarea-mi.aauw.net Speeches and information about AAUWMI may also be viewed on the state website: www.aauwmi.org