

Educational Foundation Announces Changes

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THE GOAL of the Educational Foundation remains as it has been throughout its history, advancing women in education. This is done by awarding fellowships and grants, the program of research and sponsoring institutes and symposia. The impact of the efforts of the Foundation is a source of pride for all AAUW members, and so let us be creative and devote our efforts to provide the support required to accomplish its goal!

The following list is a summary of the awards for 2002-2003: 77 American Fellowships, 43 Selected Professions Fellowships, 58 International Fellowships, 18 Eleanor Roosevelt Scholarships, 33 Research and Projects Grants (Community Action Grants and Career Development Grants), the Annie Jump Cannon Award, the Senior Scholar Award, the Emerging Scholar Award and the Achievement Award.

The Educational Foundation has experienced loss of income due the economic situation and decreased giving in the aftermath of the attacks on September 11. As a result Research and Project Grants (Community Action Grants and Career Development Grants) are on a one-year hiatus and will not be funded in April 2003 for the 2003-2004 academic year. The funds required for administration of the programs are not available. The administrative funds do not come from the endowments that provide the grants that are awarded. Administrative costs include advertising the programs, providing a selection panel, costs of contacts with recipients, etc. The Scholars in Residence Program (Research Scholar at the Foundation and University Scholar at their home institution) did not receive funding for 2002-2003.

At the Leadership Conference in Washington June 21-23, we were told the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and Research and Projects Grants have not been self-supporting and were especially affected by the reduced income. The presentations by the EF staff indicated they are dedicated to using the available funds in the most effective way. The staff indicated an urgent need for contributions for unrestricted giving so funds can be applied to the areas of greatest need. The administrative funds referred to above are from funds sent to the Foundation that are not designated for a specific program.

I would like to ask branches to share information about their successful money raising projects for the Educational Foundation. If you have a method that has proved successful for your branch please share this information with other branches by sending the information to the AAUW NC listserv.