

Plant a Yard Sign for Women's Right to Vote

100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment



AMENDMENT XIX ... The “right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

In 1848 the first women's rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York. After more than 60 years of organizing, meeting, protesting, hunger strikes, lobbying, marching, and of some women being beaten and imprisoned, women in every state were officially granted the legal right to vote. Of course, it took almost four decades for women of color to be able to fully exercise that right. Until the **24th Amendment** passed in 1964, women of color were denied their suffrage rights in many states through mechanisms such as poll taxes, literacy tests, and intimidation. In 1965 the passage of the **Voting Rights Act** protected voter registration and voting for racial (and at a later date language) minorities and corrected discriminatory election systems and districting. This history is part of the story and is now being brought to light in many centennial resources.

For more on the history of women's suffrage, visit <https://bit.ly/3kbSMY3> (or visit AAUW-MO.aauw.net and click on centennial resources in the ribbon).

Plant Your Sign to Continue the Fight

The right to vote is continually at risk. AAUW works to ensure every voice is heard and every vote is counted. Equity is central to AAUW's mission, but there can be no justice, equity, or equality until everyone has access to the same basic civil rights.

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Created by members of K-WG AAUW and printed at a St. Louis union print shop, this sign allows you to easily and economically express gratitude to the suffragists for the right to vote and serves as a reminder of the importance of having that right. For more information visit our website kwg-mo.aauw.net.

At 139 years old AAUW is a national organization whose mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. aauw.org

For ideas and resources on how to celebrate the 100-year anniversary and protect voting rights, visit our 2020 Centennial website at <https://bit.ly/3kbSMY3>.

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