



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
THE LEHIGH VALLEY**

**Joining the Junior League of the Lehigh Valley
2023-24 Prospective Member Guide**

Mission

The Junior League of the Lehigh Valley is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

The Junior League of the Lehigh Valley welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities. The JLLV does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or national origin.

Values

Diversity: The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

Collaboration: We believe lasting societal change is achieved through both collaboration and meaningful disagreement. Living the value of collaboration inspires us to accomplish more together.

Community: We believe a strong sense of community is essential to human well-being. Living the value of community provides a foundation of inclusion, which allows us to make a greater impact on the world around us.

Empowerment: We believe that the empowerment of women is a necessary requirement to create positive, lasting societal change. Living the value of empowerment fosters trust and confidence in each other.

Leadership: We believe in the unique power of women's leadership abilities to transform communities for the better. Living the value of leadership allows us to make a collective difference.

Respect: We believe respect is a fundamental human right. Living the value of respect instills in us an unconditional positive regard for others.

Service: We believe it is through service that we build core relationships with others. Service is the lens through which we decide how we will invest our time and resources. Living the value of service empowers us as catalysts for lasting community change.

History

Click [HERE](#) to learn
the about the history
and impact the JLLV
has made over the
last 80 years.



The League Today

We live around the Lehigh Valley including Bethlehem, Allentown, Easton, Jim Thorpe, Phillipsburg, and Kutztown

150+
members

We are educators, business owners, stay-at-home moms, volunteers, care givers, lawyers, doctors, engineers, and leaders

Our community focus is educational disparity

Community projects:

- Backpack Giveback
- Thanksgiving Dinners
- Summer Slide Bags
- Scholarship Fund

Our primary sources of funding include our annual "Impact Fund", sponsorships, and grants

We have a DEIB committee to lead & integrate DEIB principles into every aspect of our organization

We're partnered with PBS to engage the community in early learning and literacy through projects and events

Our members represent a broad range of perspectives, backgrounds, & experiences bound by a goal of making a difference

Membership

Criteria

Any woman is invited to join who meets these requirements:

- You must be at least 21 years old when submitting her application (There is no maximum age to join!)
- Demonstrate an interest in being engaged in the community and leadership development
- Seek the opportunity to participate in work through the Junior League that results in meaningful and sustained community impact
- Value the mission of the Junior League

Dues

- One-time provisional fee of \$50
- Annual Membership dues* of \$125

*Dues may be paid in installments if needed. Provisional members joining in the Spring will pay a prorated rate of \$62.50.

Steps to Membership

- Submit an application
- Pay dues
- Participate in orientation
- Complete new member requirements:
 - Attend one community volunteer event
 - Attend one General Membership Meeting
 - Attend two additional League events
- Participate in the League's Advisor program
- Approval by the Board of Directors

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the timeline for becoming a member?

The Junior League of the Lehigh Valley assembles two Provisional classes each year, one in late summer and the second during the Winter. The average time for a Provisional member to become an Active member is six months.

If I have a full-time job, can I still be a member?

YES! Many women in the JLLV hold full-time jobs and other responsibilities outside the League. You can let us know how much time you can devote to the League.

Do I need to have a sponsor to join?

No.

What are your different membership categories?

Provisional - Provisional members are new members who are engaged in training established by the League to prepare them for effective community and League involvement.

Active - Active members are members who have completed Provisional training and justify Active membership by demonstrating volunteer service to the community and the League, as defined by the League.

Sustaining - Sustaining members are members who have fulfilled the Active membership requirements, as defined by the League, and who continue to support the League and its community.

What are the responsibilities of JLLV members?

Annual Dues – Every member pays a yearly fee to maintain their membership.

League Job – Members are required to hold a League job or placement. Members receive a placement yearly based on availability, goals, and interests.

Fundraising and Volunteer Support - Members are asked to support the League's volunteer and fundraising events throughout the year.

How often do you meet?

Committees meet monthly. Additionally, the League holds trainings, socials, volunteer opportunities, and General Membership Meetings all year.

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What are the benefits of joining the Junior League of the Lehigh Valley?

- **Make Lifelong Friendships**

JLLV members are a dedicated, hard-working community of women. We are doctors, business owners, marketing executives, engineers, teachers, musicians, stay-at-home moms, caregivers, fundraisers, writers, trainers, etc., from various backgrounds. But, we all have a passion for volunteering which binds the members of our organization together. As a member, you will meet many interesting, talented, and intelligent women committed to making a difference in our community. In addition to the fun of volunteering, we like to have a lot of social fun too!

- **Receive Valuable Hands-on Training**

Through committee work, educational training, and hands-on volunteering, members gain valuable skills such as grant and proposal writing, public relations, fundraising, public policy advocacy, event planning, marketing, advertising, committee management, and parliamentary procedure.

- **Develop Leadership Skills**

Members develop core skills by serving on League committees that transfer well to their personal and professional lives. Leadership roles range from Co-Chairs, Committee Chair, to the Board of Directors. Leaders develop skills in managing teams of 3 to 30 people, strategic planning, annual planning, project management, public speaking, and ownership of programs or events from start to completion.

- **Belong to an International Network of Passionate Volunteers**

The Junior League of the Lehigh Valley is part of something even bigger! We are a member of the [Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc.](#), an organization of over 170,000 members in 292 Leagues located in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. Because we are a membership organization affiliated with the Association of Junior Leagues International, any member in good standing has the benefit of being able to transfer their membership to another league – a valuable benefit if you will be moving to a new city!

I'm interested in joining the next Provisional class. How do I ensure that I am kept updated on the next enrollment period?

Click [HERE](#) to fill out our Interest Form.

Contact Information

The New Member Committee is here to help - please don't hesitate to contact us!

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