

Frequently Asked Questions about Membership and your Provisional Year.

Why join the the Junior League of Charlottesville?

The Junior League of Charlottesville is made up of more than 350 women working together to promote voluntarism, to develop the potential of women and to improve our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. We invite and encourage any woman interested in supporting this mission to join us in bettering our community.

For more than 80 years, we have proudly served our community. To date, we have given over one million dollars and nearly as many hours of service to the underserved in our area. You can visit [Our History](#) to learn even more. We are proud to partner with other non-profits in our community through our [projects](#), [Community Partners](#) program, and [grants](#) program.

Last year, we awarded \$17,000 in community grants and completed 2,294 volunteer hours—including work with Girl Scout Troop #1495 (a grant-funded outreach troop) and the Boys and Girls Club. Members also led 13 skills trainings and organized many social events to foster community.

The JLC provides members with opportunities to invest in the Charlottesville community by volunteering with our partner organizations, including learning from their leaders and other JLC members.

What is your commitment to equity?

The JLC welcomes all women who value our mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

The Association of Junior Leagues International condemns discrimination, racism, and racial injustice in our communities and in our organization. Black women and other women of color have been systemically denied equity and inclusion in our economy, education, civic privileges, and responsibilities in the voluntary sector, including in The Junior League. As affirmed by our member Junior Leagues, we are accelerating our efforts to take action and advance definitive, measurable policies and practices that eliminate racism in our countries, our communities, and our Junior Leagues. When we do this, we unlock tremendous power for our communities and realize our vision of women around the world as catalysts for lasting change.

How do I apply?

Please review the Provisional year requirements (below). If you are able to meet these obligations, all that you need to do is complete the application form!

Do I need a Sponsor?

No! The JLC seeks all women who are interested in service and community, especially those who bring new perspectives to the League!

What will my Provisional year look like?

During your Provisional year, you will have opportunities to learn about our mission and impact by volunteering with a range of our partner organizations. You will also have opportunities to

socialize, build new relationships with women across the community, and complete member trainings on a range of topics—from allyship to financial planning.

What do the social aspects of JLC Membership look like?

The Provisional program combines education about our mission (empowering women) with trainings and opportunities to build community with members. Throughout the year, we will host events in formal and informal settings where you can socialize as a Provisional class and with current members. Examples of popular socials include: charity bingo nights, holiday mug exchange, book club, hikes, wine tastings, escape rooms, and movie nights.

What are the typical annual dues for JLC?

- 2020-2021 Annual Membership Fee: \$150
- 2020-2021 One-time Provisional Fee: \$50

Provisional dues and fees must be received by August 31. As an Active member, the dues are currently \$150 annually due by April 1st each year. Payment plans are available for members seeking increased flexibility.

What are my requirements during my Provisional Year?

Requirements change from year to year. The 2020-2021 Provisional requirements follow:

Complete before December 31, 2020:

- Complete provisional orientation
- Attend minimum 1 Provisional Member Meeting (PMM)
- Attend minimum 1 General Membership Meeting (GMM)
- 18 points (Note: 1 point is generally equal to 1 hour of time investment)
- Pay Provisional Dues at Orientation of \$200 (includes 1 time Provisional Fee of \$50)

Complete before May 31, 2021:

- Attend minimum of 3 out of 4 PMMs
- Attend minimum of 2 out of 4 GMMs
- Complete 1 Fundraising Shift (e.g., **Mistletoe Market**)
- Provisional Placement (Provisional members sponsor an annual Kids in the Kitchen event for community members. Kids in the Kitchen is a healthy kids fair that teaches children and families about leading a healthy lifestyle).
- Fundraising Obligation of \$30
- 36 points
- 2021-2022 League Dues

Please note "points" may be attained through a variety of activities such as attending General Member Meetings (GMMs), "project in a day" hours (PIADs or volunteer hours), training events, socials and more. The purpose of the point system is to allow members freedom to be involved in the league in ways that will be most fulfilling to them. The average time commitment is estimated at approximately one hour per week; however, several hours can be completed at a time.

Are there any dates I should save?

Yes!

Orientation (choose one date) at the JLC Office at 2114 Angus Rd #235, Charlottesville, VA 22901:

- Thursday, July 9th 6:00-8:00 PM
- Sunday, August 2nd 2:00-4:00 PM
- Tuesday, August 4th 6:00-8:00 PM

Provisional Membership Meetings (6:30-8:00PM) are held at City Space, 100 5th St NE, Charlottesville, VA 22902:

- September 2, November 4, January 6, March 3

Kids in the Kitchen Boys & Girls Club will be held on Saturday, March 13 7:00AM-3:00PM. (Please note that you may still apply if you cannot attend this event, but please let us know that you have a conflict).