

Frequently Asked Questions about Membership and your Provisional Year

Why join the Junior League of Charlottesville?

The Junior League of Charlottesville is made up of more than 230 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 serving our community.

For more than 80 years, we have proudly served the Charlottesville area. To date, we have given over one million dollars and nearly as many hours of service. You can visit [Our History](#) to learn even more. We are proud to partner with other non-profits in our community through our recurrent volunteer activities, [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 (led by JLC members and funded by grants) and the Boys and Girls Club. Members also led 16 skills trainings and organized many social events to foster community.

The JLC provides members with opportunities to increase involvement with the Charlottesville and surrounding communities by volunteering with our partner organizations, learning from community mentors and sharing experiences with other JLC members.

What is your commitment to equity?

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

We are part of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI). The AJLI 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. Contact diversity@jlcville.org for further questions.

How do I apply?

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

Do I need a Sponsor?

No! The JLC seeks to include all women who are interested in service and community. We celebrate diverse perspectives and experiences in our members.

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 partner organizations. You will also have opportunities to socialize, build new relationships with fellow members and community partners, and complete member trainings on a range of topics—from Diversity, Equity and Inclusion 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?

- 2021-2022 Annual Membership Fee: \$150
- 2021-2022 One-time Provisional Fee: \$50

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

What are my requirements during my Provisional Year?

Requirements change from year to year. The 2021-2022 Provisional requirements are as follows:

Complete before May 31, 2022:

- Provisional Orientation
- Provisional Dues of \$200 due at orientation (includes 1-time Provisional Fee of \$50)
- Attend minimum of 3 out of 4 Provisional Membership Meetings (PMMs)
- Attend minimum of 2 out of 4 General Membership Meetings (GMMs)
- 4 Fundraising Shifts
- Provisional Placement (Provisional members sponsor an annual Kids in the Kitchen event in March for community members. Kids in the Kitchen is an educational fair that teaches children and families about leading a healthy lifestyle).
- Fundraising Financial Obligation of \$30
- 36 points (Note: 1 point is generally equal to 1 hour of time investment)

- 2022-2023 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 29th 6:00-8:00 PM
- Sunday August 15th 3:00-5:00 PM
- Wednesday September 1st 6:00-8:00 PM

Provisional Membership Meetings (6:00-8:00 PM) are held at JLC Office at 2114 Angus Rd #235, Charlottesville, VA 22901

- September 7th, November 2nd, January 4th, March 8th

Organized Provisional Socials/PIADs (times and locations vary). While not mandatory, we highly encourage all provisional members to take advantage of these opportunities to bond with each other and active members.

- October- PIAD
- December 1st - Tinsel Trail Tree Sponsorship & Decoration
- February 13th - Provisional Member Galentine's Day Social 3:00-5:00 PM
- April - PIAD
- May - Provisional End of Year BBQ

Kids in the Kitchen will be held on March 12th from 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).