

## Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in joining the Junior League of Little Rock (JLLR)! We know there are many options for volunteering in our community and are excited that you have chosen to take a closer look at our organization. Please keep reading to learn more about JLLR.

What is JLLR? The Junior League of Little Rock is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

What makes JLLR different from other volunteer organizations? JLLR is not only committed to serving the community, but developing strong civic leaders. JLLR does this by spending a considerable amount of time, effort, and finances to equip women with the tools to become leaders within their community.

How does JLLR impact our community? JLLR serves the community through a wide range of community projects from Stuff the Bus, which provides school supplies to elementary-age children in the Little Rock School District who are deemed most in need, to Nightingales, which provides diversionary activities to parents and caregivers of patients at Arkansas Children's Hospital and Home for Healing of Little Rock. We invite you to visit our website at jllr.org/community to learn more about all the ways our members and projects enhance our community.

What does a typical JLLR member look like? There is not a typical JLLR member - all women who reach the age of 23 years old during the calendar year she has applied for membership (2024) and who have demonstrated an interest in voluntarism and a commitment to community service are invited to join.

What can I expect during my New Member year? As a New Member, you will participate in a course specifically designed to teach you about all facets of the League and to provide you with insights into the field of voluntarism. You will learn about our community's needs and how our organization plans and implements projects to address those needs. Skill sessions are planned to further train you as an effective community leader and JLLR volunteer.

What is the time commitment for JLLR? Joining JLLR is a major commitment, and any decision to join should not be taken lightly. Information located within the New Member packet explains the requirements for the New Member year. Please take a moment to review these materials before making the decision to join.

**How do I apply?** There are several ways to complete and submit your completed application:

- Online at jllr.org/join
- Scan the QR code located in the JLLR brochure
- Download and mail or drop off the application to:

The Junior League of Little Rock 401 Scott Street Little Rock, AR 72201

If you choose to make the commitment to become a New Member, please complete the application packet and submit/pay the \$50.00 non-refundable application fee by May 15, 2024 at 2:30 pm. Applications must be submitted online, dropped off or received (if mailed) at the JLLR Building by this time; only completed packets will be accepted. The application can be accessed at jllr.org/join and consists of the following:

- \$50 application fee payable to JLLR
- Signed New Member Agreement
- Contact information

**How do I know if I have been accepted?** Junior League of Little Rock accepts all women who have:

- Attained their twenty-third birthday during the calendar year in which they applied for Membership,
- Submitted an application packet and paid the application fee in full on time,
- Demonstrated an interest in voluntarism and a commitment to community service, and
- Attended at least one JLLR Open House event.

Once you have submitted a completed application packet, official invitations to participate in the New Member Class of 2024-2025 will be mailed on or around June 1, 2024. We will celebrate the beginning of your League career at the New Member Kickoff Event on Tuesday, June 18th.

We realize that joining JLLR is a major commitment but promise the experiences you gain are beyond rewarding. We thank you for taking the time to consider our organization, and we invite you to be a member of the 2024-2025 New Member Class. Please feel free to contact the Recruitment Committee if you have further questions. If you are looking for an organization that is committed not only to the community, but to training its members to become civic leaders, Junior League of Little Rock is for you.

If you would like assistance with filling out this application, please contact recruitment@illr.org.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Collins

JLLR Recruitment Chair Elect 2023-2024

Junior League of Little Rock

recruitment@jllr.org

# Junior League of Little Rock 2024-2025 New Member Commitments

#### I. ELIGIBILITY

- A prospective member shall have attained her twenty-third birthday before or during the calendar year in which she has applied for membership.
- A prospective member shall have demonstrated an interest in voluntarism and a commitment to community service.
- A non-refundable \$50 application fee payable to JLLR submitted with the completed application forms.
- A prospective member shall have attended at least one JLLR Open House event.
- Incomplete application packets or lack of payment will make the applicant ineligible for new membership.

#### II. ATTENDANCE POLICY

- A New Member must attend ALL New Member Meetings. The meetings focus on JLLR and community-related topics. New
  Member Meetings include the June New Member Kickoff Event, the New Member Retreat, August New Member Meeting,
  September New Member Meeting, October New Member Meeting, January New Member Meeting, February New Member
  Meeting, March New Member Meeting, April New Member Meeting and May New Member Meeting.
- A New Member is expected to attend ALL General Membership Meetings. General Membership Meetings are typically held in August, September, October, January, February, April, and May on third Thursdays at 6:30 pm at the JLLR Building or as otherwise communicated.
- Although New Members are required to attend ALL New Member Meetings, General Membership Meetings, and complete all other assignments, emergencies do arise, therefore, New Members are allowed to miss up to one (1) New Member Meeting and up to two (2) General Membership Meetings. If a New Member misses two (2) New Member Meetings, that meeting must be made up by (a) completing an extra three (3) hours towards community focus shift(s) or (b) arranging a "make-up shift" with approval from the Chair of the Admissions & New Member Training Committee.

**NOTE**: New Members are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting times and remain until the meetings are adjourned.

#### III. RETREAT

- The New Member Retreat will be held Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 9:00am-2:00pm. THIS IS MANDATORY, NO EXCEPTIONS
   CAN BE MADE.
- If you cannot attend the Retreat, you may apply/reapply the following New Member year.

#### IV. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND WAYS AND MEANS

• **REQUIRED DUES:** Throughout the year, there will be required financial obligations.

Description	Amount	Due Date
Application Fee	\$50.00	May 15, 2024
New Member AJLI Fee	\$50.00	June 1, 2024
Retreat Fee	\$50.00	July 1, 2024
New Member Meeting Fee	\$50.00	August 1, 2024
JLLR Annual Dues for 2025-2026	\$133.00	February 28, <b>2025</b>
Total amount due throughout 2024-2025 New Member Year	\$333.00	

# Junior League of Little Rock 2024-2025 New Member Commitments

The JLLR Annual Dues that are paid in February 2025 go towards the New Member's first Active year, which will be 2025-2026. Once an active member, beginning in the 2025-2026 year, dues will include only the JLLR Annual Dues of \$133.00.

WAYS AND MEANS REQUIREMENTS: Each New Member must also meet certain selling and shift requirements to support
JLLR's Ways and Means projects. If the New Member is not able to sell as required, the New Member is required to make
the purchase herself (which may increase the financial obligation). Throughout the year, there will also be voluntary
options to purchase T-shirts and other opportunities.

Description	Amount
Ways and Means Financial Obligation	\$125.00
Ways and Means Shift Obligation	Nine (9) Hours

#### V. SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS

- WAYS AND MEANS PROJECTS:
  - i. HOLIDAY HOUSE:
  - ii. PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
  - iii. PLAY IT FOREward
- COMMUNITY FOCUS: The purpose of the Community Focus program is to encourage involvement with JLLR's community partners and service projects. A New Member shall complete three (3)-hours toward community focus shift(s) by February 28, 2025. It is each New Member's responsibility to see that these shifts are completed.
- CHILDREN'S EVENT: A New Member shall participate in the Children's Event as directed by the Admissions & New Member
  Training Committee. The time commitment for the Class Project is expected to be approximately ten (10) hours per New
  Member.
- NEW MEMBER CLASS PROJECT: A New Member shall participate in a New Member Class Project as directed by the Admissions & New Member Training Committee. The time commitment for the Class Project is expected to be approximately ten (10) hours per New Member.

# Junior League of Little Rock 2024- 2025 Key Dates for New Members

\*\*\*Please be advised that some dates may change, and other meetings may arise.\*\*\*

Events at Junior League of Little Rock Building (401 South Scott, Little Rock) unless otherwise noted.

# May 2024

May 15, 2024, by 2:30

#### Application and \$50 Application Fee Deadline

Applications must be AT (not postmarked) the JLLR Building or submitted online or scanned in .pdf format and emailed to <a href="mailto:recruitment@jllr.org">recruitment@jllr.org</a> no later than 2:30 pm

#### June 2024

June 7, 2024

Invitations mailed to New Members

June 18, 2024

New Member Kickoff Event 6:30pm at JLLR Building

# **July 2024**

July 20, 2024 MANDATORY

**New Member Retreat** 

9:00am - 2:00pm at JLLR Building

## August 2024

August 6, 2024

New Member Meeting/ Small Group Assignment 6:30pm

August 15, 2024

General Meeting at JLLR Building, 6:30pm

# September 2024

September 10, 2024

**New Member Meeting** 

6:30pm

September 19, 2024

General Meeting at JLLR Building, 6:30pm

## October 2024

October 8, 2024

New Member Meeting 6:30pm

October 17, 2024

General Meeting at JLLR Building, 6:30p

#### November 2024

November 5, 2024

New Member Small Group Gathering Optional, Tentative, time TBA

November 5 – 7

Holiday House Set-up

November 7 - 9

Holiday House

#### December 2024

December 3, 2024

New Member Small Group Gathering Optional, Tentative, time TBA

December 7, 2024

Children's Event- Donuts with Santa

Time: TBA

# January 2025

January 14, 2025

**New Member Meeting** 

6:30pm

January 16, 2025

General Meeting at JLLR Building, 6:30pm

# February 2025

February 4, 2025

**New Member Meeting** 

6:30pm

February 20, 2025

General Meeting at JLLR Building, 6:30pm

## March 2025

March 4, 2025

**New Member Meeting** 

6:30pm

#### April 2025

April TBA

**New Member Spring Project completion** 

April 8, 2025

**New Member Meeting** 

6:30pm

April 17, 2025

General Meeting at JLLR Building, 6:30pm

# May 2025

May 6, 2025

**New Member Meeting** 

6:30pm

May 15, 2025

General Meeting at JLLR Building, 6:30pm

REQUIRED: New Members to successfully complete JLLR's New Member Program will be recognized during the Annual Meeting and transition to Active member status.

# Junior League of Little Rock 2024-2025 New Member Agreement

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Little Rock, Inc. ("JLLR"), is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

WHEREAS, JLLR is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. ("AJLI"), and

WHEREAS, the collective efforts of these women can continue to significantly impact the community by growing in number with additional qualified women, and

WHEREAS, those seeking membership have demonstrated a commitment to and an interest in improving the community and have shown a willingness to share their time necessary for training and volunteering, then

THEREFORE, I accept the privileges and requirements of Membership as a New Member in JLLR which is described herein.

As a New Member, I shall attend the New Member Retreat, all New Member Training Meetings\*, all General, Special, and Annual Meetings of JLLR, and all Ways and Means shifts as detailed in the New Member Course Outline. I am further required to pay all dues and fees and Ways and Means Financial Obligations, as detailed in the New Member Outline. I am further required to complete a New Member Project and special project shift requirements. I understand that I must complete all requirements, even if not listed here, as outlined in the New Member Course Outline.

As a New Member, I shall uphold the standards of excellence of JLLR by constructively and cooperatively fulfilling the commitments of the New Member Course. During the New Member term, I will be held accountable for my attendance, including punctuality, and will be required to stay for the entire meeting or shift. I understand I shall miss no more than one (1) New Member Meeting and no more than two (2) General Meetings. I understand I am required to make-up a second New Member Meeting absence with an extra three (3)-hour(s) towards Community Focus shift(s) or arrange a make-up shift with approval from the Chair of the Admissions and New Member Training Committee. I further understand that I will be held accountable for the manner in which I fulfill my JLLR responsibilities, my constructive cooperation in projects and activities, and my commitment to the stated purpose of JLLR.

\*New Member Meetings include the June New Member kickoff event, the New Member Retreat weekend, August New Member Meeting, September New Member Meeting, October New Member Meeting, January New Member Meeting, February New Member Meeting, March New Member Meeting, April New Member Meeting, and May End-of-the-Year Celebration.

As a New Member, I shall have the privilege of transferring membership from JLLR to another League if I must move during the year. I understand I am not eligible for a Leave of Absence or any other privilege of membership until all my New Member commitments are fulfilled. If I am unable to complete the New Member commitments for unavoidable reasons, I may apply to be a New Member for the next League year.

I understand that upon successful completion of the New Member year, my name will be submitted by the Admissions & New Member Training ("ANMT") Chair to the JLLR Membership Council for transition to Active Membership. I further understand if I do not fulfill my commitments, I will not be eligible for Active Membership.

Thus, with this understanding of the requirements as a New Member in JLLR, I have read and accepted the commitments of the New Member Agreement on the 15th day of May 2024.

I understand that my failure to uphold the provisions of this agreement will result in my removal from the New Member Class, and I further understand that I cannot reapply for membership in JLLR.

New Member Signature

Date

ANMT Chair Signature

Date

Print Name

# Junior League of Little Rock 2024-2025 Contact Information

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2024-2	025 Marketing	/Referral Su	rvey		
	HOW DID YOU HEAR		•		
JLLR Website	JLLR Member	Non Profit E	oard Institute		
Holiday House	Brochure	Wedding/Ev	Wedding/Event at JLLR Building		
Serve the Rock	Bridal Fair	Television	Television		
Radio	Soiree	Inviting Arkansas			
Facebook	Twitter	Instagram			
Newsletter	Employer	Family/Frier	id/Coworker		
Other:					