



Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for considering membership in the Junior League of Augusta, Georgia. Established in 1929, the JLA is a nonprofit organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action of trained volunteers. Membership is open to all women over the age of 22 who have an interest in community service, regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

Once a year we accept applications for Prospective Members through an informed admissions system. The Membership Development Committee will ensure that you are knowledgeable of all expectations of membership and the time commitment required, not just during your new member year but the Active membership years that follow. The first year of membership is full of exciting and informative activities that are designed to educate you about the function of the Junior League of Augusta. In essence, it is a full year of training to make you a better community leader. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet women who share the same interest in voluntarism. The enclosed agreement for the 2017-2018 year will be very beneficial in providing you an overview of your first year in the League.

While membership in the Junior League is a privilege, it would be an honor to have you consider joining us. Being a member of the Junior League has tremendously enriched each of our lives. Our wish for you is to be impacted in a similar fashion and grow as an individual and a community leader through your League affiliation.

The time and volunteer efforts of our members are part of the League's ongoing gift to the Augusta community. The League has more than an 80-year history of "Women Building Better Communities" in the greater Augusta area. Thank you in advance for considering sharing your time and talents with the Junior League and the Augusta community.

Please complete the attached Prospective Member Information Sheet to receive further communication from the Membership Development Committee regarding admission to the 2017-2018 New Member Class.

Most sincerely,

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Julie Kneuker
President 2016-2017
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Prospective Membership Information

Mission Statement

The Junior League of Augusta, Georgia is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Vision Statement

The Junior League: Women around the world as catalysts for lasting community change.

Reaching Out Statement

The Junior League of Augusta, Georgia reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment of voluntarism.

Criteria for Membership:

1. Must be at least 22 years old by May 31st of the year in which membership would begin.
2. Be a resident of the CSRA (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond counties in Georgia or Aiken and Edgefield counties in South Carolina) at the start of the New Member Course.
3. Demonstrate an interest in voluntarism and a commitment to community service.
4. Show an interest in developing your potential as a trained volunteer and leader.
5. Sign a contract outlining the responsibilities of new membership.

The Membership Development Committee studies the qualifications of each Prospective Member with regard to the purpose of the Junior League of Augusta and the criteria for membership.

Process for Joining:

1. Complete the Application for membership.
2. Attend a prospective member open house information session.
3. Pay new member course fee (\$125) by August 1, 2017.

Benefits of Membership:

- Opportunity to engage with like-minded women and pursue common interests.
- Make significant community impact. We take pride in our awareness of community needs and opportunities to contribute to solutions so that we can continue to make a positive impact in the community.
- Gain new friends and opportunities for continued growth and personal fulfillment.
- Develop new leadership skills.
- Two tickets to the Attic Sale Preview Party.
- Two tickets to Holiday Market.
- Membership in an international organization with membership transferability to Leagues throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and England.
- Opportunities for further training and development at Junior League conferences.
- Occasion to work alongside four generations of women.
- Form connections with communities in need, the people we serve and to those whom with we serve.



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
AUGUSTA**

**2017 – 2018
PROSPECTIVE MEMBER
INFORMATION SHEET**

NAME: Miss
 Ms. _____
 Mrs. First Middle Last
 Dr. _____
Maiden Preferred

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: _____
Home Cell Work

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE AS OF MAY 31, 2017: _____
(Must be 22 years of age)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN AUGUSTA AREA: _____

CURRENT EMPLOYER: _____

PROFESSION/OCCUPATION: _____

COLLEGE/DEGREE: _____

INTEREST FOR JOINING THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF AUGUSTA: _____

HOBBIES AND INTEREST: _____

PREVIOUS/CURRENT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: _____



2017-2018 Application for Membership SPONSOR PROPOSAL

Prospective Member's Name: _____

- I do not have a sponsor, please match me with one. (Leave the rest of the form blank.)

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

SPONSOR'S EMAIL: _____ SPONSOR'S PHONE _____

- Active
Sustainer
Current New Member

DATE ACTIVE: _____

The following proposal must be completed by your sponsor

Sponsor Criteria:

- Sponsor must be an Active or Sustaining Member in good standing of the Junior League of Augusta. A New Member may sponsor a Prospective Member if they have completed all New Member requirements.
Sponsors must be willing to educate the Prospective Member about the membership obligations of the Junior League and accompany them to the Prospective Member open house.
Sponsors may not sponsor more than (2) Prospective Members per year.

The future strength of the Junior League of Augusta depends upon the quality of its membership. A Prospective Member should have a positive attitude toward her community and the Junior League. In addition, a Prospective Member should be responsible and have the time to develop into an effective League Member.

Table with 3 columns: Questions, Yes, No. Rows include eligibility requirements, interest in voluntarism, commitment to community service, and interest in developing potential through community participation.

1. Are you well acquainted with the Prospective Member from a voluntary, professional, educational, or personal capacity? Please explain. _____

2. Why do you feel your Prospective Member can accomplish the Junior League's requirements at this time in her life? _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF AUGUSTA

2017– 2018

Prospective Member Obligations

The following is a general overview of expected obligations during the New Member Program. Specific dates and financial obligations to be announced in Spring 2017. This page is yours to keep.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

Dues	Approximate Amount to be paid	Due Date
New Member Course Fee	\$125.00 *non-refundable*	August 1, 2017
Fundraising Support Dues	\$100.00	October 1, 2017
Annual Dues	\$110.00	April 1, 2018

Please make your checks payable to the Junior League of Augusta. Credit card and Debit card payments are available for Visa and Master Cards.

TIME COMMITMENTS:

1. Attend New Member Orientation on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Breakfast and lunch provided by the Junior League.
2. Attend a Done In A Day for New Members (a one day service project) one Saturday in September. Times will be approximately 9am-1pm or shorter.
3. Attend New Member Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm.
4. Work one Holiday Market shift during the weekend of the event.
5. Attend New Member December Social during the month of December.
6. Attend a New Member Social Night during the month of January.
7. Attend a New Member Attic Sale Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the Augusta Exchange Club Fairgrounds from 6pm-8pm.
8. Attend Placement Day on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6pm at the Junior League Office.
9. Attend General Membership Meetings each month, generally held on the *first* Tuesday of the month at 6pm and lasting approximately 2 hours. *Tentative* GMM dates: September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5 (Holiday Social), January 2, February 6, March 6, April 10 (Placement Day) and May 1 (End of Year Dinner).
1 absence will be allowed.
10. Help with Holiday Market's Toy Drive.
11. Complete **ALL OBLIGATIONS** pertaining to Attic Sale, the League's largest fundraiser (March 3, 2018), as follows:
 - a. Work at least 2 bulk pick-up shifts. Bulk pick-ups are scheduled on Saturdays in the Fall and Winter. Each pick-up lasts approximately 2-3 hours.
 - b. Work all day (8:30 am – until finished) on Move-In Day which will be Saturday, February 24, 2018.
 - c. Work 4 shifts lasting three hours (9am – 12pm **OR** 6pm – 9pm) during the Monday through Thursday of Sale Week (Monday, February 26-Thursday, March 1).
 - d. Work all day (6:30am – until finished) on Saturday of Sale Day, Saturday, March 3, 2018.
 - e. Provide a minimum of \$200 in quota merchandise for Attic Sale, priced and stocked.