



# New Member Information Packet 2019-2020

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## Fact Sheet

**Mission.** The Junior League of Lansing, Michigan is a nonprofit organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Our focus areas are food, shelter and access; investing in the essentials for our community.

**Value Statement.** Because we value the positive impact our League makes in the community, we are committed to identifying problems that face Greater Lansing and developing solutions; using fundraising dollars to support community projects; and executing community projects within collaborative partnerships that include a diversity of people and organizations.

**Voluntarism.** Every year the JLL makes significant contributions to our community. In the past, community service projects have included:

- **Working with Carefree Dental, a clinic that provides dental treatment to those that have limited access to dental care;**
- **Educating Lansing's second-graders through our FEAST (Food Education and Story Time) program about healthy eating in partnership with the Greater Lansing Food Bank;**
- **Assisting in the start-up of Ele's Place, a program that provides support to grieving children and families that have suffered the loss of a loved one; and**
- **Working with the Otto Middle School Health Clinic to make a measurable difference in the health status of the children and families in Lansing's North Side.**

Other current community service and volunteer projects include:

- **Building homes for Habitat for Humanity with the Women Build program;**
- **Awarding academic scholarships to outstanding young women active in community service endeavors in the Greater Lansing area;**
- **Awarding community agencies money through the Junior League of Lansing Community Impact Grant**
- **Educating local children about proper nutrition and healthy lifestyles through Junior Leagues' *Kids in the Kitchen* project; and**
- **Supporting community organizations including St. Vincent's Home for Children, Women's Center of Greater Lansing, EVE (End Violent Encounters), Ele's Place, Haven House, and many others with significant volunteer hours and financial contributions.**
- **Collaborating with Riddle Elementary School on the creation of weekend survival kit backpacks for students.**

**Fun.** JLL members have quite a bit of fun together and form lasting friendships! Throughout the year we enjoy social events that may include tailgating, apple picking, gardening, brunch, painting, group fitness classes, cake decorating, shopping events and a social hour following each General Membership Meeting.

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**You.** Becoming a member means developing your potential as well. Our General Membership Meetings feature a variety of inspiring guests and speakers. As an active member you will have the opportunity to select from a wide range of placements to learn new skills or build upon your professional experience. Members also are able to attend informative training sessions and leadership development programs throughout the year.

## Becoming a Member of the Junior League of Lansing

There are **three steps** involved in becoming a member of the JLL.

**First, interested individuals are invited to complete the New Member Training Course.** Training is provided to all New Members of the JLL because it is our goal to ensure that our newest members have a thorough understanding of how our organization functions. We also want to make sure that each member is placed in a position best suited to her diverse interests, needs and talents. The JLL's New Member Training Course consists of:

(1) **New Member Retreat:** Held in January, our retreat provides New Members a fun opportunity to learn about the impact our organization has on the community and offers them the chance to meet new and current JLL members.

(2) **Monthly New Member Training Meetings:** Our New Member class will gather monthly between January and April for training.

(3) **New Member Project:** Between January and April, our New Member class will assist in the planning and hosting of one of two events. The JLL's 'Kids in the Kitchen' event which is part of a nationwide effort led by the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) aimed at educating children about healthy eating and fitness habits or the JLL's 'High Heels and High Tea' event held to raise funds that support our local efforts.

**In addition to completing the New Member Training Course, New Members are asked to attend General Membership Meetings** between January and April. GMMs, which are attended by all Active Members of the JLL, include dynamic speakers, updates on the group's activities, refreshments and the opportunity to socialize with members of the organization. *Note: The Junior League of Lansing's schedule runs on a school-year calendar, so our GMMs are held from September through May (though some committees meet during the summer months to plan for the upcoming year).*

**Finally, all New Members are asked to submit JLL fees.** New Member fees for the 2019-2020 Junior League Year are \$97.50. This fee includes: JLL dues of \$29; AJLI dues of \$17.50; \$21 to cover the cost of refreshments at GMMs (excluding meals); and \$30 for the New Member Training Course.

The New Member year culminates at the last GMM of the year in May during a celebration with the entire Junior League of Lansing when New Members are inducted as Active Members of the JLL.

**After their New Member year, Active Members are expected to complete the following requirements:**

(1) **Placement:** Every Active Member of the JLL serves in a year-long placement. Placements range from working with volunteer organizations, fundraising, and administrative tasks like finance and public relations to web design, event planning and more. Members are given input regarding their desired placements after learning about the various options open to them during their New Member year.

(2) **Done in a Day Project:** All Active Members complete one DIAD—a service project that is typically completed in one morning, afternoon or evening. In the past, the JLL has offered DIAD options including volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, Haven House, MSU Safe Place, Ronald McDonald House, Sparrow's 'Women Working Wonders' event, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, the Volunteers of America Soup Kitchen and more.

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(3) **General Membership Meetings:** As previously noted, Active Members of the JLL attend monthly GMMs from September through May (except in December). There are also a number of optional social activities offered to members throughout the year.

(4) **Annual Fundraiser:** Each Active Member of the JLL is responsible for selling and/or purchasing the equivalent of five raffle tickets to benefit our annual fundraiser. Raffle tickets are \$20 each (for a total of \$100). This fundraising requirement can be met in a variety of other ways too, including obtaining donations or sponsorships at various levels.

(5) **Fees:** Annual dues for Active Members of the JLL are \$138 for the 2019-2020 year. This fee includes: \$65 for JLL; \$38 for AJLI; and \$22 to cover the cost of GMMs (excluding meals). Dues are due by the end of March and are subject to slight adjustments each year.

### **Ready to Join?**

Please send a check payable for \$97.50 to the Junior League of Lansing along with a written acceptance form, brief bio (four to six sentences) and headshot to:

JLL New Member Recruitment Committee Chair:

Audra Putt

1231 Michigan Avenue, Suite 204

East Lansing, MI 48823

Brief bio and headshot can be emailed to [newmember@jllansing.org](mailto:newmember@jllansing.org)

Questions can be directed to Audra by submitting a Prospective New Member Form on the JLL website or through email at [newmember@jllansing.org](mailto:newmember@jllansing.org).

*Note: We understand that you may occasionally have conflicts with meeting times for our training courses and/or GMMs, but please don't let that stop you from joining the Junior League of Lansing! Just let us know in advance so we can make plans to ensure you're well-prepared for your involvement in the group. Questions about financial requirements or inquiries about a financial situation that warrants special consideration can be directed to Jessica Sender, JLL Treasurer, at [jsender23@gmail.com](mailto:jsender23@gmail.com).*

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## Written Acceptance for Membership

JLL Bylaws, Article III Sections 2-5 - Membership Requirements, Obligations and Privileges  
A New Member in good standing has the following requirements and obligations:

1. Payment of: annual dues, New Member fee and other financial obligations, including support of League-sponsored activities, as set forth by the Board of Directors.

New Members shall be liable for dues, an arrangement and New Member fee immediately upon acceptance of the invitation to membership. New Members completing the New Member Course are liable for dues and/or charges by the dues deadline for their upcoming Active year.)

Other Financial Obligations: League may establish other financial obligations for all or any class of membership that have been approved by a 2/3 vote of the members voting at any General Membership Meeting of this League provided that any proposed policy or procedure that alters the dues of any class of membership has been mailed to the membership not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date of the meeting.)

2. Attendance at all General Membership Meetings.
3. Completion of the New Member Training Course requirements and obligations.

A New Member in good standing has all the privileges of Active membership except the privilege to vote, hold office and the ability to submit for Board positions for the subsequent year.

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I, possess an interest in voluntarism, a commitment to community service and an interest in developing my potential for voluntary community participation. I agree to the above requirements and obligations.

Printed Name/Nickname	Mailing Address	Email and Phone	Date of Birth *for AJLI account setup	Shirt Size

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Thank you for completing the requested information. Please send a check made payable to the **Junior League of Lansing** for **\$97.50** along with this **Written Acceptance for Membership form**:

JLL New Member Recruitment Committee Chair

Audra Putt

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**Brief biography (5-6 sentences) & headshot (jpg/png format) can be emailed to: [newmember@jllansing.org](mailto:newmember@jllansing.org)**

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