

JUNIOR *Anaha* LEAGUE

What is Junior League of Omaha



The Junior League of Omaha (JLO) is an 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.

Since 1919, the Junior League of Omaha has trained volunteers, provided civic leadership, raised funds and developed programs and services to help make Omaha great.

Membership is open to all women, at least 21 years old, who have an interest in voluntarism, a commitment to community service and an interest in developing her potential for voluntary community participation. The Junior League welcomes all women who value our mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

Each League Year begins June 1 and ends May 30.

Community Impact



DONE IN A DAY

The Done-in-a-Day committee provides volunteer opportunities for League members to make an impact in our community, build relationships with other local service agencies and raises awareness of the JLO. We have included service with the following community organizations: MICAH House, Assistance League, Omaha Children's Museum, The Omaha Symphony, The Hope Center, Project Everlast, American Red Cross, Life House, Youth Emergency Services and The Rose Theatre.

HUNGER AND ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS

The Hunger and Access Committee's goal is to identify community partners and volunteer opportunities in which the League can impact hunger and access to healthy foods in our community. In the 2021-2022 League year, the committee introduced a new food mentorship program named Kitchen Connections.

In addition, our community partners have included The Heart Ministry Center, the Abundance Garden at the Union for Contemporary Art, The Big Garden, No More Empty Pots, Together Omaha and the Intercultural Senior Center. In partnership with these organizations the league is able to amplify their impact.



Our new signature program, Kitchen Connections, pairs a JLO mentor with a mentee who's recently aged out of the foster care system. Together, each pair will create healthy cuisine, community, and a love of home cooking.

Each quarter, JLO mentors will pair up with young adults through Project Everlast. Each month, the teams will meet to:

- Learn a healthy new recipe and nutrition basics
- Cook together in a safe, fun and friendly environment
- Share a meal and create community.

At the end of each quarter, the young adults participating will receive a complete kitchen kit. By the end of the 2021-2022 League year, Kitchen Connections mentors will have set up more than 50 young adults with the equipment, skills, and love of cooking they need to prepare healthy meals for themselves and their families.

Fundraising

Since 1919, the Junior League of Omaha has been dedicated to improving the lives of local women and children. The wide reach of our community impact would not be possible without the financial support we receive from fundraising activities.



Bargain Bash



JLO Classic



Savor the Night



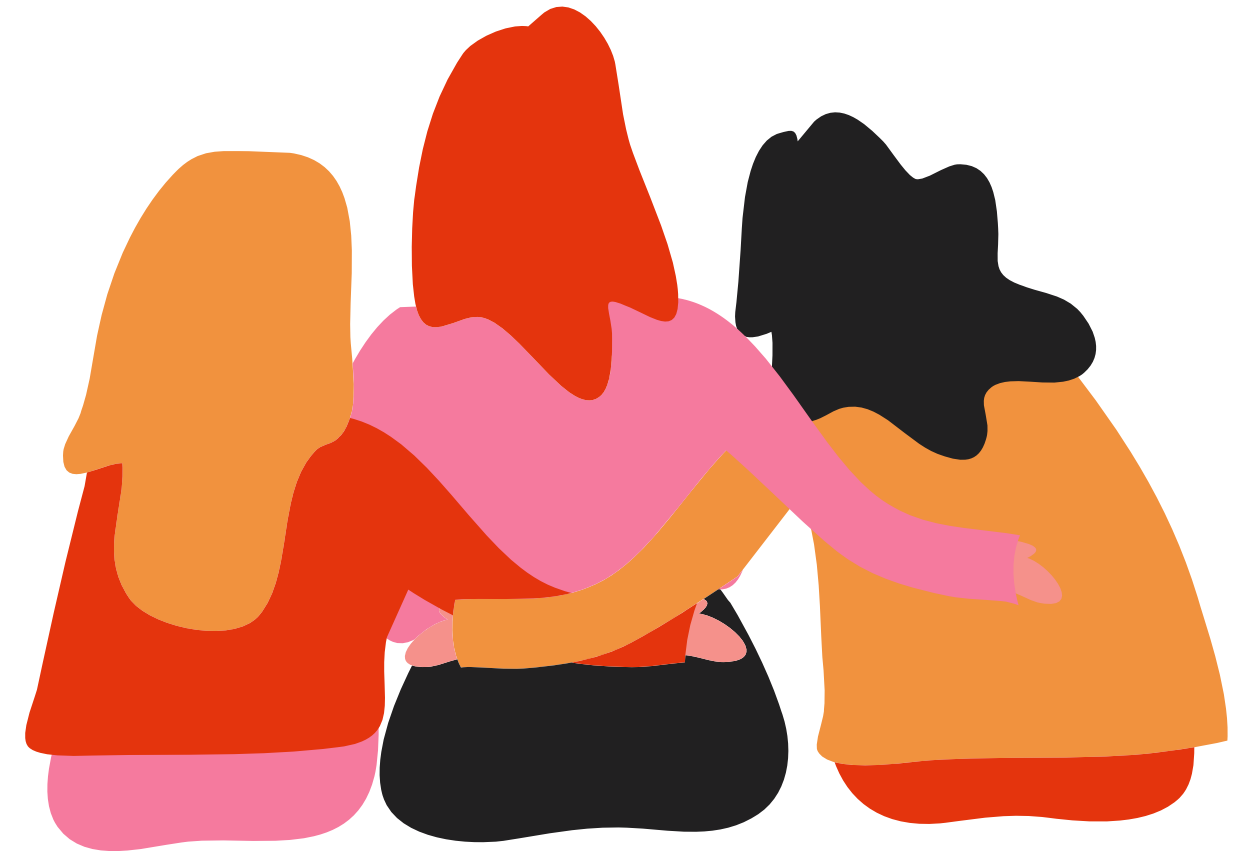
Cookbook

Education

The Junior League of Omaha is a training organization! We train women to be volunteers and leaders in the community. We also like to have fun and develop other skills.

Here are some of the trainings we have had in the past two League Year- even with a pandemic:

- Virtual Cooking Class with Chef Jeff
- D&I Training: Becoming Trauma Informed with Project Harmony
- Negotiation 101: How to get what you want with Greater Ease
- D&I Training: Undesign the Redline
- Caring for your Aging Parent
- Centerpiece Arrangements at Bouquet





Socials

There are plenty of opportunities to socialize throughout the year. Our main socials include:

Each Summer, the New Member Year is kicked off with the summer social where you have the chance to meet members in your class.

Every December, we have our annual winter social. Last December, we had cookie decorating and the grinch made an appearance.

Before every general membership meeting, we have social hour to catch up with members.

Connecting

Whether you like to network professionally, volunteer within the community, or socialize with others, there are typically hundreds of opportunities each League Year to meet and connect with fellow members. Even during the global pandemic of 2020-2022, our members found ways to connect and gather together.

The Junior League of Omaha has nearly 300 active members, with hundreds of Sustaining Members as well. Joining this organization provides an opportunity to connect with these women across the Omaha-area while making a difference.

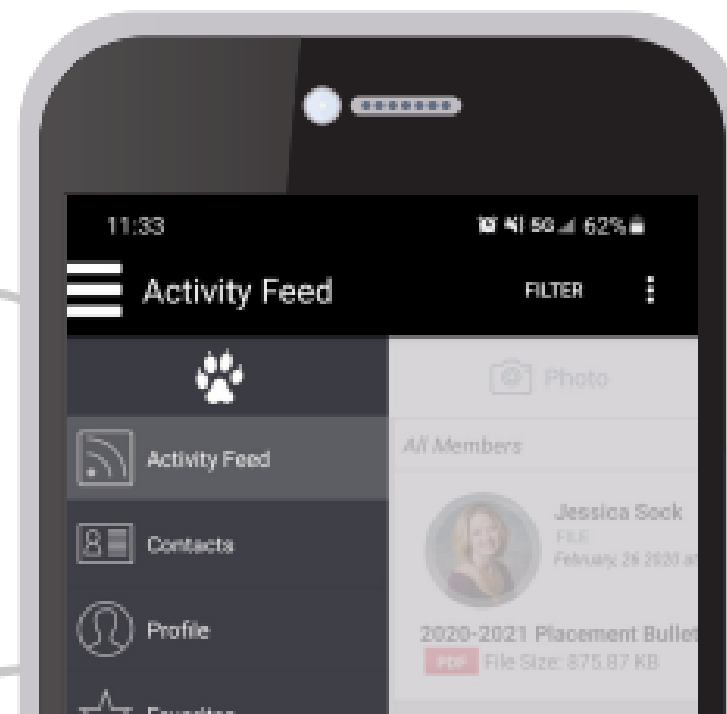


JLO Connect Facebook Page- everything from job opportunities to best car seats for expecting mothers

MEMBERSHIP DASHBOARD

Online or mobile

Our membership dashboard is available online through the [Junior League of Omaha's website](#), or through our mobile app, Digital Cheetah. Both provide a checklist to monitor your activity throughout the year so you always know where you stand. This is also where you will find a directory, calendar of events and other resources for your membership journey.



Join today in 3 easy steps!

1

Complete
[New Member
Application.](#)

2

Complete
member
profile.

3

Pay New
Member
course fee.



What does it mean to be a new member?



Each year the Junior League of Omaha welcomes a New Member class into its rich 103-year organization. The provisional year serves as the instructional foundation to the league itself: the structure, the outreach and its network. The cohort-style program allows New Members to collaborate with community service partners, network with the greater Omaha league and enhance their skills as trained volunteers.

What is expected of me, the new member?

The New Member experience is a year-long training course carefully crafted to provide you, the New Member, with an experiential look into all things Junior League. At the close of the year you will feel empowered with knowledge of our organization, emboldened by our history and impact on the Omaha area, and practiced as a volunteer in the community. You can expect mentorship, connection to empowered (and empowering) local women, social engagements, and exposure to incredible service organizations from us. In return, we expect the following from New Members:



New Member Course Fee

In order to complete your registration to join the 103rd New Member Class, beginning June 2022, Your New Member Course Fee of \$190 needs to be paid in-full or you need to be enrolled in our three part payment plan by May 31, 2022. This allows us to have time to coordinate details for the year's programming and training.

General Membership Meetings

General Membership Meetings, also known as GMMs, are meetings held for all members of the Junior League of Omaha. GMMs educate League members on community issues and the League's strategic volunteer impact. GMMs feature prominent community leaders who showcase community and advocacy projects. Nine GMMs are offered throughout the year on the second Tuesday following the first Monday of the month. You should plan to attend at least four GMMs during your New Member year. The May meeting typically counts as two

New Member Training Meetings



Once a month, the entire New Member class will meet to discuss engagements and introduce you to your core group. Your core group is a small group of New Members and typically consists of 10 New Members to foster a more intimate learning experience. Each core group will be assigned a Core Group Leader who is an Active Member in the League on the New Member Committee. Your Core Group Leader will mentor you throughout your New Member Year, offer social opportunities, answer questions and assist you with engagements. You should commit to attend all New Member meetings or notify your Core Group Leader in advance if you are unable to attend.

Volunteer- Community or Fundraising

Community Impact

Includes volunteer shifts hosted by our Done-In-A-Day and Hunger and Access to Healthy Foods Committees.

See the next page for additional information.



Fundraising Impact

Provides a hands-on introduction to fundraising within the League.

New Members may assist with our city-wide rummage sale Bargain Bash or one of two brand new fundraisers Golf Par-Tee and Progressive Dinner.

Additionally, fundraising shifts may be available for our ongoing Fund Development initiatives and [Junior League of Omaha Cookbook sales](#) throughout the year.

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Questions?