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2025-2026 PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER GUIDE



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OUR MISSION



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OMAHA

The Junior League of Omaha (JLO) is an organization of women dedicated to advancing women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. As part of a global network, JLO is one of 296 Leagues, with nearly 140,000 women across the United States, Canada, Mexico, the UK, and Kenya.

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

Membership is open to all women at least 21 years old who have an interest in volunteering, a commitment to community service and a desire to develop their potential for community leadership.

The Junior League of Omaha welcomes all women who value our mission. We believe diverse experiences, ideas, perspectives and backgrounds create a stronger, more engaged membership that can better serve our community. We actively engage in service across all parts of Omaha, and it is crucial that our membership reflects the lived experiences of those we serve. We welcome women of all races, ethnicities, religions, abilities, socioeconomic statuses and sexual orientations.

Each league year begins June 1 and ends May 31.



STEPS TO JOIN

1

COMPLETE NEW MEMBER APPLICATION.

2

COMPLETE MEMBER PROFILE.

3

PAY NEW MEMBER COURSE FEE.

Includes Annual Membership Dues: \$190.00

To complete your registration for the 107th New Member Class, beginning in June 2025, the \$190 New Member Course Fee must be paid in full by August 18, 2025.

Course fees can be paid in full or through a three-part payment plan (\$90, \$50, and \$50).

JLO accepts electronic payments through Digital Cheetah.

We also accept checks made payable to Junior League of Omaha (Attn: New Member). Please include the member's name in the memo line and mail to:

Junior League of Omaha
12135 Pacific Street
Omaha, NE 68154



HOW ARE THE FUNDS FROM THE NEW MEMBER COURSE FEE USED?

New Member Course Fees are used to support programming and activities during the New Member Year. Membership dues cover the League's overall programmatic and administrative needs, including our physical headquarters, event facility rentals, and food and beverages at in-person meetings. Additionally, a portion of your dues is paid to the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), which provides members with AJLI membership and offers JLO additional support, training and resources.

WHAT IS THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE LIKE FOR NEW MEMBERS?

Each year, the Junior League of Omaha welcomes a new class of members into its rich 105+ year history. The provisional year serves as the foundation for the League, providing an in-depth, hands-on look at its structure, outreach, and network. This cohort-style program allows new members to collaborate with community service partners, connect with the broader Omaha League, and enhance their skills as trained volunteers.



By the end of the year, you will feel empowered with a deep understanding of our organization, inspired by our history and impact in the Omaha area, and experienced as a volunteer in the community. Throughout the year, you can expect mentorship, connections with empowered local women, social events, and exposure to incredible service organizations. In return, we expect the following engagements from new members.



ENGAGEMENTS

NEW MEMBER COURSE FEE

\$190 due by August 18, 2025

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Attend at least four meetings

NEW MEMBER MEETINGS

Attend all meetings, or be excused

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS

Complete three

TRAININGS HELLO UPSKILLING!

We host in person and virtually

NEXT YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP DUES

Due by February 1, 2026

Our membership dashboard offers a checklist to track your activities throughout the year, so you always know where you stand. It also includes a directory, event calendar, and other helpful resources for your membership journey. The dashboard is accessible online through the Junior League of Omaha's website or via our mobile app, Digital Cheetah.



NEW MEMBER MEETINGS

Once a month, the entire New Member class will meet to discuss engagements and connect with fellow New Members.

Additionally, during your New Member year, you will be paired with a mentor, either an Active Member or Sustainer (alumna) of the Junior League. This mentorship provides the opportunity to engage with and learn from someone who has already navigated the New Member process and can guide you through your League journey.

We ask that all New Members commit to attending all New Member meetings or request an excusal in advance if unable to attend a session.

2025 DATES

-  AUGUST 26
-  SEPTEMBER 23
-  OCTOBER 28
-  NOVEMBER 25
-  DECEMBER = HOLIDAY SOCIAL

2026 DATES

-  JANUARY 27
-  FEBRUARY 24
-  MARCH 24
-  APRIL 28
-  MAY = ANNUAL MEETING



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

General Membership Meetings (GMMs) are held for all members of the Junior League of Omaha. These meetings provide education on community issues and the League's strategic volunteer impact, featuring prominent community leaders who highlight advocacy and community projects. Nine GMMs are offered throughout the year, scheduled for the second Tuesday following the first Monday of each month. New Members are expected to attend at least four GMMs during the year, with the May meeting typically counting as two. Meetings may be in-person, hybrid, or fully virtual.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Includes volunteer shifts hosted by our *Done-In-A-Day* and *Kitchen Connections* committees.

Members of the Junior League of Omaha can be found volunteering and supporting the community in various ways across the Omaha area. Our primary focus area as a League is Hunger and Access to Healthy Foods. We have partnered with several organizations to support efforts aimed at reducing hunger and increasing access to healthy food for all members of the community. Some of our key partners in this area include: [Heart Ministry Center](#), [No More Empty Pots](#), [Completely Kids](#), and [The Big Garden](#).



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 Junior League of Omaha. For example, *Done-In-A-Day* shifts have included service with the following Omaha community organizations: Access Period, 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.



KITCHEN CONNECTIONS



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

Each quarter, JLO mentors partner with young adults through a partnering organization. Each month, the teams 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, participants receive a complete kitchen kit that includes a mini indoor grill, pots and pans, silverware, plates and cups, knives and cutting boards, food storage containers, turners, spatulas and cooking spoons, oven mitts, kitchen towels and cloths, mixing bowls, and measuring cups and spoons.



IMPACT

- 80%** increase in perceived health of their meals
- 140%** more **confident** shopping for food
- 114%** more **confident** preparing meals for themselves
- 175%** more **confident** storing food
- 180%** more equipped to prepare healthy meals at home



VOLUNTEER SHIFTS

Complete at least **three** volunteer shift in either of the **two** categories:

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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 our signature fundraiser: *Savor the Night*.

DONE IN A DAY
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 **KITCHEN CONNECTIONS**

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BARGAIN BASH
OMAHA'S BEST BLOWOUT
RUMMAGE SALE!

SAVOR
THE NIGHT



DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

EXCLUSIVE
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The Junior League of Omaha is a training organization that empowers women to become volunteers and leaders in the community. We also believe in having fun while developing a variety of valuable skills.

Some of our recent training includes:



Sisterhood is a Vibe: Reintroducing Ourselves: Who are you beyond the titles, roles, and expectations? What makes your light shine? Together, we explored what it means to show up fully, embrace who we are at our core, and own our unique vibe.



Becoming A Food Justice Champion - Taking Action in Uncertain Times: For those new to policy or a seasoned advocate, this session walked members through the legislative process, provided an overview of important food access bills in the 2025 Nebraska Legislative session, and gave members the tools to help you become a powerful voice for food justice.



Psychological Safety: Creating Safe and Productive Team Environments: Psychological safety is a step in how to team up well/clash cultures and opinions safely. It's not being nice at all times - it's the idea that you can intentionally cultivate an environment using candor and care to allow people to speak up, ask questions and share openly.



From Pitch to Profit: How to Fundraise Like a Pro: Members walked away with game-changing skills like: confidently asking donors for sponsorships, scheduling and nailing donation meetings, building a donor list that actually delivers, knowing what materials to bring and when to follow up, and timing your asks for maximum success.



CONNECT WITH US

Whether you enjoy networking professionally, volunteering in the community, or socializing with others, there are plenty of opportunities each League Year to connect with fellow members.

The Junior League of Omaha includes nearly 90 Active Members and over 375 Sustaining Members. Joining this organization allows you to connect with women across the Omaha area while making a meaningful impact.

For more information, email Join@JLOmaha.org.



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