

# JUNIOR LEAGUE OF OMAHA

## *2021 Prospective New Member Guide*



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*Women building better communities*

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 31.

*Membership in the Junior League of Omaha provides opportunities to network with like-minded women, build professional and personal skills and give back to the community.*

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*Join today in 3 easy steps!*

1

Complete  
[New Member  
Application.](#)

2

Complete  
member  
profile.

3

Pay New  
Member  
course fee.



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## NEW MEMBER COURSE FEE

*Includes Annual Membership Dues, \$190.00*

➔ Course Fee may be paid in full or with a three-part payment plan.

1 JLO accepts payments electronically through our digital platform.

2 JLO also accepts payments via check. Checks should be made out to Junior League of Omaha and dropped off or mailed to JLO, Attn: Sarah Antonello. Be sure to write the member's name in the memo line.

### Payment Plan Details

Mail or drop off checks by May 31, 2021.

\$90 / Check 1

\$50 / Checks 2-3

Payments processed on or around:

Payment 1: June 1, 2021

Payment 2: July 1, 2021

Payment 3: August 1, 2021

Send checks to:  
Junior League of Omaha  
Attn: Sarah Antonello  
12135 Pacific St.  
Omaha, NE 68154

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## NEW MEMBER COURSE FEE



*How are the funds used?*

New Member Course Fees are used to support programming and activities during the New Member Year.



Membership Dues support the League's overall programmatic and administrative needs, including our physical headquarters, event facility rentals and food and beverage at in-person meetings. Additionally, a portion of your local dues are paid to the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI), which provides members with an AJLI membership and JLO with additional support, training and resources.

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## *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, which includes 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 engagements from New Members.

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## *Engagements - Overview*

*New  
Member  
course fee*

*\$190 due by May 31, 2021*

*General  
Membership  
Meetings*

*Attend at least four meetings*

*New  
Member  
Meetings*

*Attend all meetings, or have  
absence excused*

*Volunteer  
shifts*

*Complete one*

*Impact  
options*

*Complete two*

*Membership  
dues for  
next year*

*Due by February 1, 2022*

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*Engagements - Explanations*

## NEW MEMBER COURSE FEE

*Due by May 31, 2021*

In order to complete your registration to join the 103rd New Member Class, beginning June 2021, your New Member Course Fee of \$190 needs to be paid in-full or provided in three checks (\$90, \$50 and \$50) by May 31, 2021, so that we have time to coordinate details for the year's programming and training.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

*Virtual or in-person*

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.

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## *Engagements*

### NEW MEMBER MEETINGS

*Virtual or in-person*

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.

### 2021 - 2022 NEW MEMBER TRAINING DATES

*Virtual or in-person*

**2021**

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

**2022**

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

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## *Engagements*

### VOLUNTEER SHIFT

*Complete one*

You should plan to complete **one** volunteer shift in **either** of the two categories:

#### *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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## *Engagements*

### *Community Impact*

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

#### *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: 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 to Healthy Foods 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 will introduce a new food mentorship program and continue to further develop this new program for longevity within the League. 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.

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## *Engagements*

### *Impact Options*

In addition to completing one of the volunteer shift options previously mentioned, New Members should also plan to complete two impact options. These are opportunities for New Members to cater their prospective year experience to their desires. Impact Options offer the flexibility to explore fundraising, community service or League logistics to a greater level.

In addition to the one required Impact Option, New Members can complete an additional fundraising or community impact shift (as described above), an ad hoc offering by Membership Council to assist with League events, or if scheduling is an issue with life or career, New Members may fulfill Impact Option engagements by donation. Donations meeting the \$50.00 minimum allow New Members to "buy out" of the Impact requirement. Donations go towards the Junior League of Omaha Foundation or the Annual Fund.



### 2022 - 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

*Due by February 1, 2022*

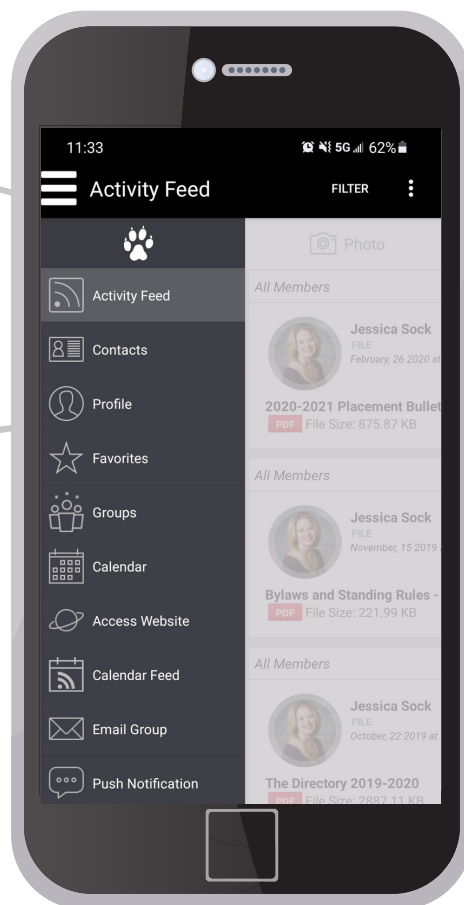
All member levels of Junior League of Omaha owe dues by February 1, 2022. This payment serves as dues for New Members' first Active Year. Annual membership dues increase 2% over the prior League year's dues and round to the nearest cent. A payment plan is available.

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## 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.



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*What will the New Member year look like?*

In addition to your scheduled New Member Course, volunteer and impact work and General Membership Meetings, the world is your oyster! JLO offers a myriad of opportunities to connect, learn and grow.



**Summer Social (Summer 2021):** This will be a social event where you will get the opportunity to mix and mingle with your New Member class, as well as get to meet the New Member Committee. The focus of this event is having fun and getting excited about your new member year.



**Other:** Throughout the year, various committees in the League organize events, fundraisers and training activities. Most of our meetings – Committee Meetings, GMMs and New Member Meetings – begin with an optional 30 minute social time, starting at 6:30 p.m.

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*Why You Should Join*

*Membership is a journey.*



JLO Membership is a journey, not a destination.

Each year, members have the opportunity to design the volunteer and personal experience they want out of their League membership, while ensuring they provide support to the community and to the organization itself.

Continue reading for some of the primary reasons our members join – and stay members!

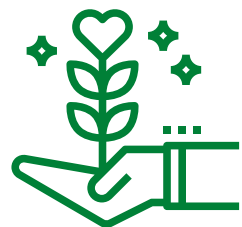
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*Why You Should Join*

## IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

Members of the Junior League of Omaha can be found volunteering and supporting the community in a variety of ways across the Omaha area. As a League, one of our primary focus areas is *Hunger and Access to Healthy Foods*. We have partnered with a number of organizations to support their efforts to reduce hunger and increase access to healthy food for all members of the community. Some of our key partners in this area are: [Heart Ministry Center](#), [No More Empty Pots](#), [Together](#) and [Big Garden at the Union for Contemporary Arts](#).

*As of January 1, 2021:*



**877** hours volunteered (in person: 505 / virtual: 372)

**465,000** pounds of food distributed with **Heart Ministry Center**

**16,000** meals made with **No More Empty Pots**

**74** hours spent gardening or helping in local food pantry at **Together**

**135** recipes gathered for easy, affordable, healthy meals

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## DEVELOP SKILLS

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 is a sample of some of the trainings we have had in the past League Year – even with a pandemic:

- Virtual Cooking Class with Chef Jeff – featuring recipes from our Cookbook, A Century of Serving
- D&I Training: Becoming Trauma Informed with Project Harmony
- D&I Training: Fair & Impactful Policing
- Negotiation 101: How to Get More of What You Want with Greater Ease
- D&I Training: Undesign the Redline, facilitated by The Union



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## CONNECT

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 2020-2021, 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.

*Connect with us!*

For more information, email our Recruiting Coordinator, Sarah Antonello, at [Join@JLOmaha.org](mailto:Join@JLOmaha.org).

Membership Applications and Dues/Course Fee are due May 31, 2021. Payment plans available.



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