



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ALBANY
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Junior League of Albany Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Junior League of Albany? The Junior League of Albany is a nonprofit, volunteer organization of women committed to improving our community through effective action and leadership. The Junior League of Albany has adopted as its focus areas the welfare of children and their families.

What is a Provisional? All JLA members are required to satisfactorily complete the year-long Provisional Education Program, during which time they are referred to as “Provisionals”.

What is an Active? JLA members become “Active” members after successfully completing the Provisional Education Program, or by transferring as a member in good standing from another Junior League. Active members have full voting privileges and are expected to meet all membership obligations as outlined in our Bylaws.

What is a Sustainer? After ten years of Active membership in the JLA, or five years of Active membership and over 40 years of age, a member can choose to become a “Sustainer”. Sustainers must meet all financial obligations of membership, but have no other requirements, and no voting privileges.

What type of time commitment can I expect as a member of the JLA? As an Active member you will annually receive a “Placement” on a committee. We hope that you will be an active and contributing member of your committee. Meetings and events are scheduled by each committee, and are flexible based on the needs of the committee members. Committee schedules vary (i.e., some committees are busier at certain times of the year than others), but on average expect one to two committee meetings or events per month. Most committee meetings are scheduled in the evenings, but this will vary yearly by the changing composition of the committee.

In addition, Active members are required to attend five General Membership Meetings (GMMs, or meetings for the entire membership) per year. The GMMs begin with a social at 6:30pm and the meeting portion begins at 7:00pm. They are held at various locations throughout the Capital District. These meetings are a fun opportunity to get together with your friends in the JLA, and usually include an interesting speaker or activity.

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The last type of time commitment is with our annual fundraiser. All Active members are required to work four hours of time either before, during or after the annual fundraiser. Volunteer opportunities will be outlined by the Chair of the fundraiser.

What is the financial obligation and how is the money spent?

Dues are currently \$100 for Provisional members due by August 31st. Active member dues are \$100 and are due on or April 1st for the following year. Membership dues are necessary in order to cover our overhead expenses, and to ensure that as much of our fundraising money a possible is put right back into the community.

What types of volunteer opportunities will I have as a member of the JLA? One of the greatest strengths of the JLA is the diversity of volunteer opportunities that we offer to our members: from hands-on volunteer work to number crunching, and everything in between. As mentioned before, each year as an Active member you will receive a committee Placement on one of our many interesting committees. Our committees operate under our five councils: Community, Finance, League Promotions, Membership and Nominating/Placement.

How do I find out more about the committees, and how do I get on the committee of my choice? Each spring, we hold a Placement Fair, where representatives from each committee are available to answer your questions and tell you more about their committee. In addition, you will have a Placement Advisor who will work with you to help ensure you are satisfied with your committee placement and your overall JLA experience. Every year you will submit your top three choices for your committee placement. Every effort is made to meet these requests.

I would like to be a member of the JLA, what do I do next? The Provisional Information Packet includes a New Member Registration Form which should be completed and mailed to the address on the form. You will be invited to our upcoming Prospective Member Social, where you will be able to meet Active JLA members and find out more about the JLA. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you in the future!