



**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
BALTIMORE, INC.**

Women building better communities

**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BALTIMORE
Admissions Guide for
Prospective New Members
2010-2011**

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Thank you for your interest in the Junior League of Baltimore! The Junior League of Baltimore empowers women through leadership training and development to take action in their community. We look forward to you joining us and continuing our proud 98-year tradition of building a better Baltimore.

About the Junior League of Baltimore

The Junior League of Baltimore, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

The Junior League of Baltimore, Inc. reaches out to all women age 21 and older regardless of race, religion, or national origin who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

The Junior League of Baltimore's focus is on women and children at risk in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area. Since the construction and opening of our new headquarters building in Govanstowne, our League's activities primarily focus on the Govans community.

Benefits of Joining the Junior League of Baltimore

Get Practical and Hands-On Training:

There is a constant stream of experiential training opportunities for members. You will have the chance to enjoy different projects, internal administrative roles, fundraising opportunities, service on the Board of Directors, and more. League members often become leaders in other non-profit organizations.

Get to Know Our Local Community:

Our community programs are a vital part of the Junior League of Baltimore. From advocating for the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity to establishing a parent teacher organization at a local elementary to teaching area school children the importance of healthy food and exercise choices to mentoring young women in who participate in our job training program to being a helping hand in the community, the Junior League of Baltimore offers a variety of ways for volunteers to improve the community. You should be able to find a program that specifically appeals to you!

Belong to an International Network of Dynamic Women:

The Junior League of Baltimore is a member of The Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (www.ajli.org), an organization of over 170,000 members in 293 Leagues in four countries (USA, Canada, Mexico, and the UK).

Make Friendships and Meet Like-Minded Women:

The Junior League of Baltimore is a community of women. You will meet many interesting and smart women committed to making a difference in our community.

Joining the Junior League of Baltimore

Women desiring to join the Junior League of Baltimore (JLB) should:

- Have an interest in voluntarism;
- Be at least 21 years of age prior to the beginning of the New Member Course;
- Live in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area; and,
- Demonstrate her ability to meet the New Member requirements.

Step 1: Attend an Open House or Recruitment Event.

Prospective New Members should attend one informational meeting to learn about the League. Attendance is not required, but it is a great way to meet members and learn more about the League. Please check our website for times, dates, and locations of Open Houses and other recruitment events.

Step 2: Complete the Membership Application.

Complete the attached Membership Application and Agreement and return it to the Junior League of Baltimore with the required dues. You can hand deliver it, mail it, fax it, or email it. Classes are limited in size and are filled on a first come, first served basis, based on date your application is received. Confidential financial assistance and payment plans upon request.

Important Dates to Consider

Fall 2010 Class:

08/02/10: The deadline for admittance to the JLB's Fall 2010 New Member Class. Payment of partial Annual Dues of \$90 and New Member Course Fee of \$50 is due on or before August 2, 2010 to reserve spot in Fall class. (Remaining Annual Dues of \$85 due on or before October 1, 2010 in order to become Active Member of the League).

08/07/10: New Member Course Retreat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. JLB Headquarters. *Mandatory!*

12/23/10: New Member Course Requirements must be completed.

Please Note: Women who are conferred Active I membership status in January 2011 will have an additional few service requirements to complete as an Active I member of the League.

Spring 2011 Class:

12/23/10: The deadline for admittance to the JLB's Spring 2011 New Member Class. Prorated Annual Dues of \$90 and New Member Course Fee of \$50 is due at time of application.

01/07/2011: New Member Course Retreat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. JLB Headquarters. *Mandatory!*

05/27/2011: New Member Course Requirements must be completed.

The New Member Year

The JLB now offers the New Member Course in both the fall and spring. Applications are now being accepted for either course. Upon successful completion of the New Member requirements, women in the Fall 2010 class will be conferred Active I membership status in January 2011. Women in the Spring 2011 class will be conferred Active I membership status in June 2011.

The New Member Course includes meetings, social gatherings, and participation in new and existing JLB projects designed to integrate new members into the organization. A JLB New Member is required to:

- Timely pay required Dues and New Member Course Fee
New Member Course Fee: \$50.00.
Annual Dues (fall class): \$175.00 (maybe paid in two payments of \$90 and \$85).
Pro-rated Dues (spring class): \$90.00.
- Attend a mandatory one-day retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Fall retreat: August 7, 2010; Spring retreat: January 7, 2011)
- Attend all New Member training classes and project meetings
(3rd Tuesday of every month during New Member Course period)
- Attend at least two General Membership Meetings
(usually held 4th Tuesday of every month)
- Actively participate in assigned New Member project
- Work two 3-hour Finance Council shifts (The Wise Penny or Boutique Warehouse Sale)
- Donate (or secure donations of) at least \$200 in items for resale in The Wise Penny
- Complete two “a la carte” service options from Active I menu offerings. One of those choices shall be a shift with either the Membership Council or the Community Council. Options include participating in our of our community outreach programs, participating in recruitment activities, working additional shifts at our fundraiser sales, attending skills trainings, making a financial contribution to our Annual Fund, and more!
- Attend a placement interview.

Active Membership

Active members are asked to complete the following yearly requirements (The League calendar runs from June 1 to May 31):

- Timely pay required Annual Dues of \$175.00.
- Attend at least four General Membership Meetings
(usually held 4th Tuesday of every month)
- Actively participate in assigned committee placement, including attending a majority of committee meetings (usually held the 3rd Tuesday of every month)
- Work one 3-hour shift at our semiannual Boutique Warehouse Sale
- Complete two 3-hour shifts at The Wise Penny, our thrift store.
- Donate (or secure donations of) at least \$200 in items for resale in The Wise Penny
- Complete five “a la carte” options from Active I menu offerings. Options include serving in a leadership position, participating in our of our community outreach programs, participating in recruitment activities, working additional shifts at our fundraiser sales, attending skills trainings, making a financial contribution to our Annual Fund, and more!
- Maintain consistent contact with Placement Advisor.
- Timely complete placement process to determine next committee placement.



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Membership Application

New Member Class Preference: Fall 2010 Spring 2011 Either

Name: _____ **Maiden** _____

Nickname/Name Tag _____ **Birth date** _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phones **Home** **Work** **Mobile**

Email Address _____

Place of Employment _____ **Position** _____

Marital Status _____ **Partner/Spouse Name** _____

Emergency Contact _____

How did you learn about The Junior League, Inc.?

___ Junior League Member: please list _____ ___ Junior League Marketing
___ Junior League Event: please list _____ ___ Work
___ Community Event: please list _____ ___ Other _____

1. Why are you interested in joining the Junior League of Baltimore?

2. Describe your current and past community volunteer work (high school through today). Identify any leadership positions or honors received if applicable.

3. Describe your educational and/or career background.

4. Describe your interests and hobbies that you enjoy outside of volunteer work.
5. Have you given serious consideration to your willingness and ability to commit to membership in the Junior League? Do other important people in your life support your commitment (spouse/partner, employer, etc.)? Do you anticipate any major life changes (marriage, new job, new baby) in the coming year? Please elaborate and provide possible or expected dates of conflict.

6. Would you prefer New Member social activities to be closer to ___ Home ___ Work.

7. Please indicate a few of your current skill competencies as well as those you wish to gain during your League membership.

This completed application, along with a signed new member agreement and \$140 (New Member Course fee and applicable required membership dues), should be mailed to the address below no later than August 2 (for the Fall 2010 New Member Class) or December 23 (for the Spring 2011 New Member Class) to reserve your space in the New Member Class. You may also email (jlbmembership@jlbalt.org) or fax (410-435-5454) your completed application. Dues paid after these dates will be subject to a \$25 late fee. Please make checks payable to *The Junior League of Baltimore, Inc.* Confidential financial assistance and payment plans upon request.

The Junior League of Baltimore, Inc.
Attn: Membership 2010-2011
PO Box 11008
Baltimore, Maryland 21212

If you wish to pay your New Member Course Fee by credit card, please complete the following:

Card Type _____ Credit Card Number _____
Date of Expiration _____ Security Code _____
Name on Card _____
Charge Amount _____ Signature _____



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New Member Agreement

I AGREE TO: FULFILL JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BALTIMOR NEW MEMBER COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

1. Attend at least two General Membership Meetings;
2. Active and satisfactory participation on assigned New Member project;
3. Work two 3-hour Finance Council shifts (The Wise Penny or Boutique Warehouse Sale);
4. Complete two “a la carte” choices from Active I menu offerings. One of those choices shall be a shift with either the Membership Council or the Community Council;
5. Maintain consistent contact with assigned Membership Development Advisor; and,
6. Attend a placement interview prior to end of New Member Course.

I AGREE TO: ATTEND NEW MEMBER TRAINING SESSIONS

New Members are required to attend a one-day New Member Course Retreat as well as all other scheduled New Member training classes.

I AGREE TO: SATISFY ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

DUES: New Member Course Fee: \$50.00.

Fall class -- Annual Dues: \$175.00.

Spring class -- Prorated Annual Dues: \$90.00.

DONATE (or secure donation of) at least \$200 in resale items (clothing and household goods) to The Wise Penny.

IN RETURN FOR COMPLETING THESE REQUIREMENTS, THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BALTIMORE PLEDGES TO PROVIDE QUALITY TRAINING AND EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO EMPOWER YOU TO MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

I understand by returning my completed membership application and applicable dues for the upcoming year, I agree to the outlined obligations of membership. I understand that I must fulfill these requirements within the stated deadlines in order to be eligible for Active Membership, unless an extension is approved by the Membership Committee. I understand that I am governed by all pertinent Bylaws and Policies of the Junior League of Baltimore, Inc. during the New Member year. I also understand that the New Member Classes are limited in size, and the applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, based upon date of receipt.

Printed Name & Signature

Date