

 **KNOXVILLE**



**PROSPECTIVE  
MEMBER PACKET**  

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**2026-2027**

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

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# DEVELOPING WOMEN TO DO A WORLD OF *good*™

## OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Knoxville is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

## OUR VISION

The Junior League: Women Around the World as Catalysts for Lasting Community Change.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Junior League of Knoxville welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations, and communities.

## OUR CURRENT FOCUS AREA

In an effort to better serve the immediate needs of the community, Junior League of Knoxville is focusing on women's education and safety, with an emphasis on fostering personal growth and supporting the development of women in our community.

We partner with other local nonprofits to provide the resources and volunteer leadership to develop and maintain programming in furtherance of the Mission and focus areas.

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## THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members of The Junior League of Knoxville obtain invaluable skills and experiences that empower them to punch above their weight as leaders in their local communities and beyond. Here are a few of the areas in which they acquire skills or knowledge:

- Leadership
- Organizational development
- Community needs assessment
- Mentoring
- Advocacy
- Communications
- Fund development
- Strategic planning
- Negotiation
- Consensus-building
- Networking

## DEAR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER,

Thank you for your interest in joining the Junior League of Knoxville. This packet provides more information about the exciting ways that you can be involved with the League. We look forward to receiving your application for membership!

Our new member application period begins in March 2026, and the timeline for processing of applications and notification of approval can be found on the following page. If you are selected for membership in the League, you will have the opportunity to be the CHANGE in our community; to be the IMPACT in someone's life; and to be a MEMBER of one the oldest, largest, and most effective women's international leadership organizations in the world. As a member of the League and our community, we have the potential to serve those in need directly in our community and further promote other women, changing the world for the greater good one opportunity at a time. A few recent examples of how the Junior League of Knoxville has actively impacted our community are:

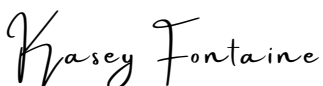
- Hands-on volunteering and fundraising for the Knoxville Family Justice Center, the Salvation Army's Joy D. Baker Center, YWCA Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley, and more local nonprofits serving women in our community
- The League completed nearly 400 volunteer hours, donated over 8,500 items, and raised \$11,000
- Collected nearly 2,000 diapers and over 1,000 feminine hygiene products in a drive benefiting Helping Mamas Knoxville
- Provide annual scholarships for local female high school seniors to further their education
- Raised funds and awareness of domestic violence in our community through the Little Black Dress Initiative
- Development and implementation of the Personal Development Center at the McNabb Center's Domestic Violence Shelter

Membership is also a great way to meet other like-minded women in our community. In addition to the community projects we promote, we have meetings, socials, and several training series where we get to know women outside of our usual circle. These opportunities also further our goals of developing future leaders in our community. Members may learn new skills, further develop current skills, mentor other members, and make lasting connections with community leaders.

I hope this brief introduction inspires you to join our membership. The general timeline for the upcoming year, membership requirements, and application are provided in more detail in the following pages. Please don't hesitate to e-mail us for more information or with questions at [membership@jlknoxville.org](mailto:membership@jlknoxville.org).

Your involvement today will not only change your life but will make a lasting impact on our community.

Very truly yours,



Kasey Fontaine, Membership Experience Director

# OPPORTUNITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

During your first year as a part of the League, you will participate in and complete the New Member Course where you learn more about the League's operations and missions as well as socialize with other new members, current members, and sustainer members. In order to proceed from a New Member to an Active Member with the Junior League of Knoxville, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

## 1. **Complete an Application for Admission** (\$50 – Nonrefundable Application Fee)

- Application deadline: June 30th, 2026, confirmation within 15 days of deadline
- Apply online (payment by credit card) or by mail (payment by check)

## 2. **Payment of Dues**

- Total Dues for Provisional Members = \$350 (including \$50 nonrefundable application fee)
- Pay in full or installments – Semi-Annual (due now & 10/31) or Quarterly (due now, 8/31, 10/31, 1/31)

## 3. **New Member Welcome Toast**

- July 2026, Final Details to Come

## 4. **New Member Orientation**

- August 2026 (3-4 hours on a Saturday), Final Details to Come

## 5. **General Membership Meetings**

- First Tuesday of each month – social at 6 pm, meeting begins at 6:30 pm
- Eight total meetings held September to May – must attend 5

## 6. **New Member Meetings**

- Second week of each month – social at 6 pm, meeting begins at 6:30 pm
  - Weekday to be determined based on location availability
- Eight total meetings held September to April – must attend 5

## 7. **New Member Community Project**

- Choose and plan a community project of the group's choice in the Spring

## 8. **Placement Fair**

- February 2027, Final Details to Come

## 9. **Participation in League Wide Events**

- Two community service opportunities
- Two fund development opportunities
- One training opportunity

We understand that life can have unexpected events. If you have any concerns or questions about this information, please feel free to email [membership@jlknoxville.org](mailto:membership@jlknoxville.org). All meeting times and locations will be provided in Summer 2026.

# 2026-2027 NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Visit [knoxville.jl.org](http://knoxville.jl.org) to complete your application online or mail the completed application and fee to us at The Junior League of Knoxville, P.O. 1428, Knoxville, TN 37901. **DEADLINE: June 30, 2026**

Prospective Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be 21 years of age by 5/31/2025)

Why are you seeking membership with the Junior League of Knoxville?

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What experiences, professional or personal, have contributed to your desire to be involved in our Knoxville community?

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What other interests outside of the Junior League of Knoxville, leadership, and volunteer opportunities do you have (activities you enjoy, career, family)?

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How did you hear about JLK? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you read the JLK Prospective Member Packet and do you understand the opportunities and obligations (see page 3) associated with the New Member Course?     Yes     No

Are you in good standing within the Knoxville Community?    Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a JLK member or community member as reference. Include their contact information:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_