



Joining The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. 2022 Prospective Member Packet

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The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc., 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.

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Tentative Provisional Requirements

Final schedule will be provided during orientation

- ❖ Provisional Retreat
- ❖ Provisional (JLA) Ed Series
- ❖ Small Group Meeting
- ❖ Provisional What's Next
- ❖ JLA Membership Credits
- ❖ General Membership Meeting (GMM)
- ❖ Provisional Bus Tour
- ❖ Provisional Service Project
- ❖ Provisional Graduation
- ❖ Pay 2023-2024 dues (Due in March 2023)

Application Fee

Non-refundable fee paid as part of the application process.

2022-2023 Dues + Course Fee (Due June 1, 2022)

Your membership dues and the one-time Provisional course fee are to be paid by June 1, 2022

Orientation

This event will give you an overview of everything that is in store for the Provisional year, as well as give you the foundational knowledge needed to successfully navigate your JLA membership. You will have ample opportunity to ask questions about any part of the Provisional program. You will also be matched with your small group at this event.

Education Courses

Your education courses will provide you a better foundation on the JLA cornerstones, or traits the League has deemed important to be a great servant leader. There are 8 cornerstones 1. Volunteerism, 2. Communication Skills, 3. Community Awareness, 4. Visionary and Strategic Leadership, Thinking and Planning, 5. Negotiation Skills and Conflict Resolution, 6. Personal Adaptability, 7. Interpersonal Development, 8. JLA Organizational Knowledge.

Small Group Meetings

You will be put into a small group once you begin your Provisional year. Your small group is typically made up of between 15-20 other Provisionals who are around the same age as you. Each group will have a Provisional advisor. This advisor will host gatherings for you and your group throughout the year. These gatherings are mainly social, but still provide a way for the advisor to answer any League questions you may have, and are a great way to get to know other Provisionals in a much smaller setting. Examples of small group gatherings include going out to dinner, carving pumpkins for Halloween, volunteering at one of our community partners, or pottery painting.

Provisional Bus Tour

One of the highlights of the Provisional program is the Provisional bus tour. It's one thing to hear about our community partners, but it's another to actually go out and see them for yourself! This bus tour will allow you the chance to visit some of our community partners to see how the League makes an impact through partnerships. Past stops on the tour have included Chastain Horse Park, Kate's Club, Atlanta Community Food Bank, and Meals on Wheels Atlanta.

General Membership Meeting (GMM)

General Membership Meetings, also known as GMMs, are meetings held for all members of JLA. GMMs educate JLA members on community issues and the League's strategic volunteer impact by featuring prominent community leaders, showcasing community, fundraising & advocacy projects, and increasing the volunteer leadership skills of JLA members through service opportunities. Typically, three GMM meetings are offered throughout the year.

Membership Credit

There are a variety of ways to meet the required membership credits, and these events are opportunities to meet women in the League outside the Provisional class. You are welcome to attend as many events as you want, but please note that you only need to get three credits.

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Some options include:

- District Meetings - In addition to a small group, you will also be assigned a district group based on where you live in the city. Your District will include women of all ages and experience levels within the League.
- Placement Expo - The Placement Expo is an opportunity in the spring to learn about all the JLA Community Placements for the following year. This event will help guide your decision about what Community Placement you want for your First Year Active.
- Fundamental Courses - These are quick, 2-hour sessions offered throughout the year that provide information on a variety of topics that will benefit current members in their everyday lives. Topics can be anything from how to better your overall health to how to better serve on a nonprofit board.
- Fundraisers - We have three great fundraisers that the League does every year: There will be opportunities to volunteer or participate in one of these fundraisers to receive membership credit.
- JLA serves - This event happens two weekends a year. Our membership goes out into the community to complete service projects that can be completed in a day.

2023-2024 Dues (Due March 1, 2023)

Dues for all JLA membership levels are due March 1 to cover their membership for the following League Year from June 2023 – May 2024. This will be paid to cover your First Active Year.

Frequently Asked Questions: About Your Provisional Year

What will my Provisional year look like?

The Provisional year is purposefully designed to introduce and educate you on The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. while providing opportunities to socialize, create new connections, gain access to valuable training, learn about our mission and community impact, and serve with our community agencies and programs.

What does the application process look like?

All potential Provisional member should

- 1) Create a profile
- 2) Pay the \$25 application fee
- 3) Complete the application form
- 4) Wait for the application to be reviewed
- 5) Receive notification of acceptance
- 6) Pay dues and the Provisional course fee

What do the social aspects of JLA Membership look like?

The Provisional program is designed with the intent of combining education and training with socializing and meeting fellow Provisionals. The provisional year will provide you with both formal and informal settings to socialize with the Provisional class as a whole and Provisional Committee leadership, your small group consisting of other Provisional women, and other JLA members.

Why should I pay a membership fee to volunteer when I can do that on my own?

There are countless reasons to join the JLA! Regarding our community agencies and programs, the JLA has a reputation in the Atlanta community for providing dedicated, trained volunteers, where many organizations want to partner with us! This often gives our members opportunities to serve in capacities they wouldn't have access to if she were to reach out on her own.

In addition, every year you can select a new placement, saving you the time of needing to sign up with a different organization or go through a lengthy background check should you want to try something new. Also, our volunteers serve and make connections with other women while serving – something she may or may not gain volunteering for various shifts.

We also provide training to our members that the general public would need to spend hundreds of dollars on to gain access to for little to no cost, while providing opportunities for like-minded

women to meet and often become friends. Finally, with our leadership structure, you will have the opportunity to sign up for roles that offer you the opportunity to improve your skills, such as leading a team, public speaking, or fundraising, for both personal and career growth through real on-the-job activities.

What types of women make up the typical Provisional class?

While our members are diverse in their age, backgrounds, skill-sets, race, ethnicity, religion, political affiliations, vocations, etc., we typically find the commonality that all members have a strong desire to carry out our mission while becoming a trained volunteer.

What is the Small Group?

In order to better serve the Provisional class, women are placed into a Provisional Small Group of approximately 20 women with a Provisional Advisor to serve as a point of contact as women navigate their Provisional year.

How are small groups created?

Typically, the Provisional Development Director creates our small groups sorting by age and area of town to better promote commonalities with the women in that group as often women are in similar life stages. You will be assigned to your small group after your course fee and 2022-2023 dues are paid. If for some reason the group you assigned to is ultimately not a good fit, please reach out to the Provisional Development Director.

How can I get involved in volunteering during my Provisional year?

There will be opportunities to serve with our community agencies and programs that will pop up over the course of the year, potential opportunities with your small group as a small group meeting, and the option to join one of our community agencies for Placement for the second-half of the Provisional year.

What do I do if I can't make one of the required events for my Provisional year?

JLA understands how busy our members are and how unforeseen circumstances arise. We are here to help you succeed and have a valuable membership experience. The best thing to do is to communicate with your Provisional Advisor should you not be able to attend to get any information you've missed and find out about make-up opportunities. *It should be known that we highly stress not missing orientation as this sets the foundation for your Provisional year, as well as your entire League experience.* We understand family obligations, conflicts, work schedules, and travel are part of your day to day life, and we are happy to work with you on a case by case basis.

What do I do if I decide I no longer wish to proceed with my application or membership? If you decide once you've started the application process that this isn't the right time in your life, JLA isn't the right opportunity for you, etc., please email JLA Headquarters at info@jlatlanta.org to notify them. Please note, your \$25 application fee is non-refundable.

With an organization so big how will I make friends?

Like any other large organization, you'll often find you gain from your experience what you put into it. We often find women who simply show up and attend, whether a social, fundraiser, district meeting, JLA Serves shift, etc. will start to recognize the same faces and develop relationships. There will always be busier seasons in life and meeting the requirements will still allow a member to meet and make connections, but often that is up to her. If you are here to make connections, we encourage you to take the social time before meetings to reach out and speak with a new person.

Have a question you don't see above? Reach out to recruitment@jlatlanta.org. Please note if your question is related to your schedule and knowing of a potential conflict, please hold off on those and direct those to the Provisional Development Director and/or your Small Group Advisor.