

A Guide for JUNIOR LEAGUE OF **FRESNO** Prospective Members



The Junior League of Fresno, Inc. started as the Service League of Fresno in 1948 and became the Junior League of Fresno (JLF) in 1959. We are open to all women age 21 or older that have a heart for service and a commitment to improving the lives of women and children in the Fresno area.

Our Mission

The Junior League of Fresno, 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.

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

Effective community service calls for leadership, advocacy and grantsmanship, as well as the formation of coalitions with other volunteer organizations and community agencies. In order to accomplish this, we:

- Develop trained leaders equipped to respond creatively to society's challenges.
- Design, administer and originate innovative programs which often become integral and lasting components of our community.
- Assess and build public awareness of critical community needs.
- Contribute valuable and significant volunteer hours toward the improvement of the community.
- Raise money by means of annual fundraisers and return those monies to the community through funded projects, direct grants, and endowments.

2017-2018 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Impact Fresno
Senior Girl Athlete Banquet
New Member Project
Community Impact

2017-2018 FUNDRAISER

Spring Event – “Breakfast at
Tiffany’s”
Fund Development

ANNUAL FUND

Individual & Corporate Giving



Benefits of Joining Junior League of Fresno

Develop Practical and Hands-On Training

Under our system of governance, all positions turn-over annually. This creates a consistent stream of training opportunities for our members. You will have the opportunity to explore varied projects, internal administrative functions, fundraising experience, leadership roles, and service on the Board of Directors. A large number of League members have become leaders in various non-profit organizations in the Fresno region as a result of their experience with League.

Get to Know Our Local Community and Work with Various Non-Profits

Our collaborative projects are funded by volunteers and financing ranges from periods of one day to several years. In addition, our community programs are continually evaluated. This provides the opportunity to work with various non-profit organizations in our community to meet a current unmet need.

Belong to an International Network of Passionate Volunteers

The Junior League of Fresno (JLF) is part of something even bigger! We are a chapter of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc., an organization of over 155,000 members in 293 Leagues (chapters) with locations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom.

Make Lifelong Friendships with Like-Minded Women

JLF is a community of women. You will meet many interesting and intelligent women committed to making a difference in our collective community.

JLF Membership is a Three Step Process:

Step 1: Attend a Prospective Member Informational Meeting

Prospective members must attend one informational meeting to learn about the JLF.

Step 2: Complete the Membership Application & New Member Agreement Forms

Complete the attached Membership Application and Agreement forms and return to the JLF office or Junior League representative **on or before August 31**. Please do not fax the Application or Agreement.

** Please attach the payment of \$225.00 to the application, payable to: Junior League of Fresno.

Step 3: Complete the New Member Education Super Saturday Program and Class Project

Please mail the completed forms on or before August 31st to:
The Junior League of Fresno, 516 West Shaw Avenue, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93704



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
FRESNO

Membership Application

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____ Spouse's Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Office Phone (if applicable): _____

Primary E-mail: _____

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) (Need year for AJLI): _____

How did you hear about the Junior League of Fresno? _____

Name of JLF member that referred you (if applicable)? _____

Did you attend an information session & if so which one? _____

Please rank (1-5) your reasons for wanting to join the Junior League of Fresno:

_____ Volunteer Opportunities

_____ Meet New People

_____ Training

_____ Networking

_____ Leadership

_____ Other: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Amount Due: \$225.00 Amount Paid: _____

Payment Method: Check _____ Visa _____ MC _____

Visa/MC Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CID: _____

Signature: _____



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF FRESNO

New Member Agreement

Name of New Member: _____
Last First Middle

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF NEW MEMBERS.
* PLEASE READ CAREFULLY PRIOR TO SIGNING.**

I AGREE TO: FURTHER THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF FRESNO'S MISSION

As a member of the Junior League of Fresno, I agree to further the organization's mission by promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community.

I AGREE TO: FULFILL THE MEMBER REQUIREMENTS & NEW MEMBER COURSE

All new members shall be required to attend new member meetings and/or training sessions beginning in September through May.

Complete eight (8) hours of fundraising hours and complete eight (8) hours of volunteer hours.

Attend a minimum of four (4) General Session meetings between September and May.

I AGREE TO: SATISFY ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

DUES and TRAINING COURSE FEE– Membership dues of \$150 AND a one-time New Member Training Course fee of \$75 for a **total of \$225** shall be paid by the **at the time of application**. No refunds will be made.

FUNDRAISING /FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS - A two installments of **\$75** are due **September 30 and January 31**.

- A new member who fails to fulfill these requirements shall not be recommended for Active membership status.
- I understand that I must fulfill these requirements by May 31 of the League year in order to be eligible for Active membership with the Junior League of Fresno, Inc.
- I understand that the Membership Committee will review my course involvement prior to recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding my election to Active membership.
- I understand that I am governed by all pertinent Bylaws and Operational Policies and Procedures of the Junior League of Fresno, Inc.

Signature

Date