



**JUNIOR LEAGUE**  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA

### **What is the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI)?**

Founded in 1901 by New Yorker and social activism pioneer Mary Harriman, the Junior Leagues are charitable nonprofit organizations of women, developed as civic leaders, making a demonstrable impact on their communities.

True to our legacy, today's League members work at the forefront of social reform, tackling the toughest and most critical issues of the day for the purpose of enhancing the social, cultural and political fabric of civil society.

### **What is the Junior League of Northern Virginia (JLNV)?**

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

More than 350 women in the Northern Virginia area are members of the JLNV. These women share a common desire to drive positive change in the community. The women of JLNV represent a wide range of backgrounds, opinions, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, religions, and lived experiences, and we embrace the diverse representation of the women reflected in our community.

In alignment with our mission, the League provides members with training and skills that will enrich their professional and personal lives. Training opportunities include leadership development seminars, workshops, project management opportunities, and "hands-on" experience. Throughout our [history](#), the JLNV has provided over 20,000 service hours toward JLNV programs and initiatives, 800 hours in leadership training, and more than \$2.4 million in financial support to the community. Read more about our community impact [here](#).

### **Which organizations do we partner with, and volunteer with, in the community?**

Our focus area is Women Helping Women—providing access to essential services and professional development opportunities for women and families to reflect the League's continued commitment to improving the lives of women and families in Northern Virginia. Partners in the community include Women Giving Back, Community Lodgings, Arcadia Farms, Lorton Community Action Center, Girls on the Run, Arlington Food Assistance Center, Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, and more.

As a part of JLNV's Women Helping Women focus area, JLNV is currently running our [Period Pantry Campaign](#) designed to address the critical issue of period poverty—which affects an estimated 20% of women in the local area—by distributing free period products to anyone in need. We're proud that JLNV has launched seven period pantries with local organizations.

## **What type of events does JLNV host for its members?**

The League has plenty of opportunities for members to interact and socialize, including:

- General Membership Meetings
- Regional Small Group gatherings
- Social groups (such as hiking, book club, brunch, and networking social groups)
- Socials throughout the year
- Professional development training and skill-building events through JLNV and in partnership with AJLI

## **How do I get involved?**

JLNV accepts members twice a year: spring and fall. All new members will be a part of a New Member class, which will give New Members the opportunity to immerse themselves in the League and learn more about our history and the work we are doing in the community. The New Member Class requires a commitment on the part of the New Member to fulfill requirements, but it is also an exciting experience!

To get involved with the JLNV, you can complete an intake form [here](#). Once you submit this form and payment (or sign up for a payment plan), you will be contacted by our New Member chair, who will provide you further information on Orientation Training dates.

To join JLNV, you must be at least 21 years old and reside in the DC-metro area.

## **What are my requirements as a new member?**

Once accepted as a New Member, you must complete the following requirements over the course of your New Member period:

- Attend two (2) New Member trainings
- Attend two (2) General Membership Meetings (GMM) and/ or Small Group Meetings (SGM)
- Attend one (1) social event
- Complete at least three (3) hours of volunteering
- Participate in your new member class project
- Pay a new member fee of \$355 (\$305 Annual Dues plus a \$50 New Member Course Fee) for Fall New Members and \$202.50 (\$152.50 Annual Dues plus a \$50 New Member Course Fee) for Spring New Members

## **Who will be my main contact if I become a new member?**

As a new JLNV member, you will be placed in a small new member group and assigned a new member lead, who will be your main contact for all questions. Your lead will also help guide you through your new member period and will host social events for your group.

## **When does the new member process begin, and when will I become an active member?**

The Fall New Member Class begins in September and will officially become active members in December. The Spring New Member Class begins in January and will officially become active members in June with the start of the new League year. For additional questions, please contact us at [join@jlnv.org](mailto:join@jlnv.org).