



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
**TEXARKANA**

**2019-2020**

**New Member Packet**

*The Junior League of Texarkana, 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 education and charitable.*

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF NEW MEMBERS?

### Financial Obligations

New Members are responsible for the following financial obligations:

1. New Member dues in the amount of \$150.00
2. Mistletoe Fair quota in the amount of \$150.00
  - \* *It is preferred that this amount is fulfilled through selling various tickets for Mistletoe Fair events, but it may also be paid directly to the League. Regardless, ALL members are responsible for \$150.00.*
3. Actively support fundraising projects adopted by JLT Membership
4. New Member class t-shirt, if agreed on by the class, in the amount of \$10.00 - \$15.00

### Course Requirements

In addition to attending monthly New Member Education sessions and General Meetings, New Members are responsible for the following:

1. In-League training – Each New Member will attend a JLT Board of Directors meeting, Mistletoe Fair Committee meeting, and local city council or school board meeting. The New Member class will also visit additional JLT committee meetings and events as deemed necessary by the New Member Education co-chairs. Through these experiences, New Members will learn about League placements, placement duties, and the community. In-League training provides a comprehensive look at League operations and equips New Members to be contributing members of the organization.
2. Required shifts – JLT's fundraising project, Mistletoe Fair, supports the League's Mission. New Members are required to work additional fundraising shifts in order to receive the training necessary to understand the League's financial operations. New Members are also required to work shifts in support of community projects.

New Members will work:

- ✓ Two (2) 3-hour Mistletoe Fair pre-shifts
    - \* *These are typically scheduled during the summer and fall months leading up to the event.*
  - ✓ Two (2) 4-hour Mistletoe Fair shifts (Friday-Sunday during the event)
  - ✓ Two (2) League-developed (community) project shifts (2 hour minimum)
    - ✓ *These include Open Hearts Food Pantry, Packs for a Purpose, Shoes for the Soul & Clothes for a Cause, and Spring Into Reading.*
3. New Member Party and Retreat – The outgoing New Member class plans and hosts a party for the incoming New Member class each the spring. Each New Member is required to attend the incoming and outgoing parties and the New Member retreat held in the summer.

### Attendance Requirements

New Members are required to attend the following:

- ✓ All New Member Sessions (monthly)
- ✓ General Meetings
  - Aug. – Sip and Sign
  - Sept. – GMM/Placement Fair
  - Oct. – GMM
  - Nov. – GMM
  - Dec. – Christmas Social
  - Jan. – GMM
  - Feb. – GMM
  - Mar. – GMM
  - Apr. – GMM
  - May – Annual Meeting
- ✓ Two (2) New Member Parties
- ✓ New Member Retreat
- ✓ One (1) JLT Board of Directors Meeting
- ✓ One (1) Mistletoe Fair Steering Committee Meeting
- ✓ One (1) City Council or School Board Meeting
- ✓ New Member Class Committee Placements
- ✓ Two (2) 3-hour Mistletoe Fair Pre-Shifts
- ✓ Two (2) 4-hour Mistletoe Fair Shifts
- ✓ Two (2) Community Project Shifts

### Absences

The Junior League of Texarkana values your participation in all New Member course requirements. Completion of the course provides comprehensive leadership training. It is important that you attend all events.

**No more than THREE absences will be allowed during the League year. New members who exceed the number of allowed absences will be required to repeat the course with the next year's class.**

**Approval for absences and make-up activities are at the discretion of the New Member co-chairs.**

**NEW MEMBER CONTRACT** | *Directions: Initial beside each statement and sign below.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept the invitation of the Junior League of Texarkana and have enclosed my fee of \$150.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree to meet the membership obligations and responsibilities as outlined below.

**I. Financial obligations**

- A. New Member dues in the amount of \$150.00
- B. Mistletoe Fair quota in the amount of \$150.00
- C. Actively support money-making projects adopted by JLT Membership

**II. Course requirements**

- A. Attend all New Member course sessions including the New Member parties and retreat.
  - \* *Regular sessions will begin after the New Member Party and will be held monthly on a designated evening.*
- B. Attend all General Meetings.
  - \* *General meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month from August through May.*
- C. Complete In-League training: Attend a Board of Directors meeting, Mistletoe Fair Committee Meeting, and local city council or school board meeting.
- D. Fulfill shift requirements.
  - ✓ Two (2) 3-hour Mistletoe Fair pre-shifts
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  - ✓ Two (2) 4-hour Mistletoe Fair shifts (Friday-Sunday during the event)
  - ✓ Two (2) League-developed (community) project shifts (2 hour minimum)
    - \* *These include Open Hearts Food Pantry, Packs for a Purpose, Shoes for the Soul & Clothes for a Cause, and Spring Into Reading.*
- E. Fulfill additional requirements as determined by the New Member Education co-chairs.
- F. Maintain regular attendance.
  - \* *No more than three (3) absences will be allowed during the League year. New members who exceed the number of allowed absences will be required to repeat the course with next year's class.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that upon my satisfactory completion of the New Member Education and demonstration of a positive attitude and commitment to JLT membership, the New Member Education co-chairs will recommend to the Board of Directors that I be admitted to active membership in the Junior League of Texarkana.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree to meet the obligations and responsibilities of active membership as outlined below.

I am looking forward to the coming year with the Junior League of Texarkana. I affirm my commitment to:	
_____ 1. Our mission.	<i>The Junior League of Texarkana, 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.</i>
_____ 2. Sharing my time and talents for the League's work:	
a. During the 2019 – 20 League year, I am committed to completing the New Member education requirements as outlined in the League's Policies and Procedures.	
b. I will work with the League to determine when and how my time and talents can best be utilized to meet the League's needs as well as my interests.	
_____ 3. Becoming educated about the League's annual planning and election process.	
_____ 4. Contributing to and/or utilizing learning opportunities made available by the League to complete my work to the best of my ability as well as to enhance my community and civic leadership skills.	
_____ 5. Staying informed of the League's work and remaining connected with the League throughout the year.	
_____ 6. Paying my membership dues and fulfilling all fundraising financial obligations according to the schedule outlined in the League's Policies and Procedures.	
_____ 7. Fulfilling any and all time obligations as outlined in the League's Policies and Procedures.	

**The Junior League of Texarkana can only achieve its purpose through the work and commitment of its members. Our invitation to join holds a challenge and an opportunity for growth to the women of Texarkana and surrounding areas.**

If, after studying these guidelines, you still feel confused over your decision, take time to discuss your situation with the New Member co-chairs. They will do all they can to help you make the best decision for yourself and JLT. Discuss your decision with your family members. You will need their help and cooperation throughout your Junior League career, so allow them to be in on the decision making.

If you have chosen to accept this invitation, sign this contract and complete the attached information form. Return these documents along with your New Member dues (\$150.00) to the JLT office by Friday, April 19, 2019. **Please make checks payable to the Junior League of Texarkana .**

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

**NEW MEMBER / SPONSOR INFORMATION FORM** | *Directions: Complete this form with your sponsor.*

**NEW MEMBER**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ | DOB (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

*You must turn 22 years of age during your New Member year.*

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ | Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Age at admission deadline: \_\_\_\_\_ years | Length of residency in Texarkana area: \_\_\_\_\_ years

Which days of the week are best to meet? \_\_\_\_\_

Which days are worst? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer to be contacted? Phone  Email

**SPONSOR**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ | Are you a first-time sponsor? Yes  No

If no, please provide the name of a Junior League member that you have previously sponsored.

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Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

List your community service, civil organizations, and volunteer experience.

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Describe your interest in voluntarism and community service.

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Describe your work experience. (*This can be your current occupation, your previous occupation if not currently working in your field, or the career you are hoping to achieve.*)

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List your post-college affiliation with any clubs.

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List your association with non-profit organizations.

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List any boards on which you are currently serving.

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What are you hoping to gain through your involvement with JLT?

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Why do you think you would make a good JLT member?

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## OPTIONS

You have the following options for joining the Junior League of Texarkana:

- ACCEPT  
Sign and complete the New Member Compact and New Member/Sponsor Information form. Return these documents along with your New Member dues (\$150.00) to the JLT office by Friday, April 19, 2019. *Please make checks payable to the Junior League of Texarkana.*

Drop off or mail to:  
Junior League of Texarkana, Inc.  
Attn: New Member Education  
409 Hazel Street  
Texarkana, Arkansas 71854

- ACCEPT & EXTEND  
A twelve-month extension is offered to those candidates who are unable to take the course this year but would like to take it the following year. Return these documents as instructed above.

- DECLINE

## QUESTIONS

The President and New Member co-chairs are available to answer further questions or provide suggestions for special situations. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Robbin Bass , 2018 – 19 President  
(903) 278-5072

Monica Harrison, 2019 – 20 President  
(903) 278-8140

Jenni Hedrick, 2018 – 19 New Member Education Co-Chair  
(903) 276-5462

Natalie Reeves, 2018 – 19 New Member Education Co-Chair  
(501) 590-0223

LaTonya Bayonne, 2019 – 20 New Member Education Co-Chair  
(903) 824-6780

Kendal Thompson, 2019 – 20 New Member Education Co-Chair  
(903) 733-6444

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, April 9 New Member Recruitment Party  
Hopkins Ice House  
4030 Gibson Lane  
Texarkana, Texas 75503

Friday, April 19 Application Deadline  
JLT Office  
409 Hazel Street  
Texarkana, Arkansas 71854

Wednesday, April 30 Welcome Party  
Verona Restaurant  
212 East Main Street  
Texarkana, Arkansas 71854

Monday, May 6 General Meeting  
Arkansas Convention Center  
5200 Convention Plaza Drive  
Texarkana, Arkansas 71854