



The Junior League of Cleveland, Inc. Scholarship Fund Fact Sheet

Background:

The Junior League of Cleveland, Inc. (JLC) awards scholarships from its scholarship fund to women who are 17 years and older and are seeking the opportunity to gain further education and/or career training. The scholarship is open to non-traditional women students in the Northeast Ohio area. A non-traditional student is defined as a woman whose education was interrupted, either preventing her from continuing on to college after completing high school or requiring her to get a GED in lieu of graduating from high school. Additionally, a woman seeking a non-traditional career qualifies as a non-traditional student, as does a woman whose other life responsibilities such as work and/or family responsibilities require her to pursue her post-high school education on an unconventional schedule. Finally, any woman who, because of disruption in her family of origin, was placed in either a foster home or a group home setting as a minor qualifies as a non-traditional student, even upon graduating from high school or at any time thereafter.

Please Note: Women going directly from high school to a four-year college, except for those who were wards of the foster-care system, will NOT be considered.

Type of Assistance Available:

Scholarship funds are available to assist with the cost of **accredited instructional programs** and/or **workforce training programs**. Candidates may also apply for awards to assist with additional educational expenses that may restrict the students' access to education such as: program supplies, accredited daycare, accredited pre-school and after-school childcare and the recipient's transportation.

Grants will be awarded in May of each year for the student's use in her current or upcoming term or year's educational activities. The JLC will present the money to the institution of the recipient's choice. Complete details are on the JLC website. JLC members and their families are not eligible.

Funding:

Members of the JLC raise the money needed for the scholarship program. Funds collected are kept in a designated fund and are invested by the JLC until needed for distribution.

Administration:

The JLC administers this scholarship fund. A committee of members, assisted by an advisory committee representing the JLC and its community members, oversee the program and select the scholarship recipient(s).

Information and/or Applications:

Inquiries may be made to the JLC by calling (216) 231-6300 ext 3. Copies of this application and eligibility requirements are available at www.jlcleveland.org by clicking on "The JLC Scholarship Fund" on the main page.

The Junior League of Cleveland, Inc (JLC) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, to 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. The JLC reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. The JLC is represented by nearly 650 women locally and over 171,000 in 293 Junior Leagues worldwide. For more than 100 years, the JLC has been developing the potential of women and the communities where we live. For membership information, please call, 216-231-6300, ext 444.



The Junior League of Cleveland, Inc. Scholarship Fund Information

To Qualify for the Scholarship:

- Applicant must be a woman at least 17 years old.
- Applicant must be a non-traditional student, a woman not going directly to a four-year college immediately after high school graduation. The only exception to this restriction are women who have been wards in the county or state foster care system after having been removed from their family of origin. **Therefore, we will NOT consider applications from women going directly from high school to a four-year college unless they have been wards and/or in foster care.** For further clarification, please contact the JLC.
- Applicant's permanent residence must be in one of these Ohio counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina or Trumbull.
- Applicant must supply one (and may supply up two) letter(s) of recommendation in support of the application. The letter(s) of recommendation must be sent to the JLC separate from the application, postmarked by March 2, 2017 and may be sent from a principal, teacher, employer or other professional (not a relative), but it **cannot** be from a present or former Junior League of Cleveland member. The recommendation letter is weighed heavily in the decision-making process.
- Applications should be single-sided and paper-clipped together. Please do not staple the pages.

Other Details:

- Members of the JLC and their families are not eligible.
- Scholarship recipients must use funds to attend an established, accredited training or educational program and/or for related expenses incurred while attending said program (e.g., tuition/program fees, books, supplies, transportation, child care, etc.). While the funds can be used to pay current tuition, they cannot be used to pay off loans. Funds are dispersed directly to the educational institution, accredited child care provider, etc.
- Applicants must agree to use funds granted during the current academic year.
- Applicants may request scholarships up to \$5,000.
- Candidates may receive a phone call during the selection process requesting further information.
- Applicants should keep a copy of all materials submitted to the JLC.
- Applicants should send only requested materials. No other materials will be considered.
- Applicants may reapply as long as they have not won a JLC scholarship in the past.

Applications and Letter(s) of Recommendation must be Postmarked by March 2, 2017.

The JLC Scholarship Fund Committee will notify recipients by May 1, 2017.

Submit the Scholarship Application and Letter of Recommendation to:

Junior League of Cleveland, Inc.
Attn: JLC Scholarship Fund Committee
10819 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, OH 44106
or
fax to 216-231-5425
or
email to scholarship@jlcleveland.org

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The Junior League of Cleveland, Inc. Scholarship Fund Application

Return this completed application postmarked by March 2, 2017

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

Current Date _____

Name _____

Year Born _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email address _____

Are you currently employed? Yes No Where _____

Work Address: _____ Supervisor Name & Phone: _____

Are you currently a volunteer? Yes No Where _____

Agency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Were you ever in foster care? Yes No When _____ County/State _____

How does your employment, volunteer work, or being a non-traditional student affect your life?

How did you find out about the JLC Scholarship? (Please include the name of the institution and/or name and title of the individual, if available) _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please include institution name, address, dates attended, & degrees and/or certificates received.)

High School/GED: _____

Current School/Training Program: _____

Advisor Name & Phone: _____

Other education/training: _____



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Women building better communities

Applicant Name: _____

REFERENCES A letter of recommendation in a separate mailing will arrive from:

Name _____ Phone _____

Position _____

Why did you choose this person as a reference? _____

Only one letter of recommendation is required.

Please instruct the individual writing your letter of recommendation to mail it directly to the Junior League of Cleveland address found on page two of this form. This recommendation should come from an individual who knows you well and can discuss your work, volunteer or academic experience. It **cannot** be from a present or former member of the Junior League of Cleveland. *The letter of recommendation is not to exceed one 8½" x 11" paper.*

PERSONAL ESSAY (Personal essay should not exceed one 8½" x 11" piece of paper.)

Please write your essay to answer the question "I am applying for this scholarship because_____." Include information in your essay that tells us more about your specific need for this scholarship, your educational goals, personal background, etc. If you were ever in foster care, whether actually placed in a foster home or housed in a group home, you may include that experience in your essay.

Where do you plan to use this scholarship? _____

When (dates)? _____

FINANCIAL NEED

What is the projected cost of your plan of study? \$ _____

How much other financial aid are you requesting/receiving? \$ _____

What is your request of The JLC Scholarship Fund? \$ _____

Applicants may request up to \$5,000, but the amount awarded may be less than the amount requested.

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