



The Junior League of Cleveland, Inc. Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship for Women Overcoming Adversity & Resuming Their Educations

Who qualifies for our scholarship?

- Applicants must be non-traditional women students who have overcome obstacles to resume their education. Some examples of non-traditional women students include:
 - A woman whose education was interrupted, preventing her from continuing to college after completing high school or requiring her to get a GED.
 - A woman whose education was interrupted and is seeking a non-traditional career (e.g., computer programmer, skilled construction worker, chef, engineer, etc.).
 - A woman whose education was interrupted and whose life responsibilities, such as work and/or family responsibilities, require her to pursue her post-high school education on an unconventional schedule.
 - A woman who was placed in a foster care system. These students may apply even if their education was not interrupted.
- Applicants must be at least 17 years old. THERE IS NO AGE CAP.
- Applicants must be permanent residents of the following Ohio Counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina or Trumbull.

Please Note: Women pursuing post-high school educational opportunities directly after high school, except for those who were placed in a foster care system, will NOT be considered.

What types of assistance are available?

- Funds to assist with the cost of accredited instructional programs and/or workforce training programs.
- Funds to assist with additional educational expenses that may restrict the student's access to education such as: program supplies, accredited daycare, accredited preschool and after-school childcare, and the recipient's transportation.

How are scholarship funds awarded?

- Funds will be awarded in May of 2019 for the student's use for her current or upcoming term or year's educational needs.
- The Junior League of Cleveland, Inc. (JLC) will present the money directly to the institution of the recipient's choice.

How do applicants qualify for the scholarship?

- Applicants must complete the scholarship fund application (please see the third page).
- Applicants must submit a personal essay (please see the fourth page).
- Applicants must supply one letter of recommendation in support of the application separate from the application (please see the fourth page).



Information and Applications

- Inquiries may be made to the JLC Scholarship Fund by calling 216-231-6300 x. 3 or emailing scholarship@jlcleveland.org.
- Copies of this application and eligibility requirements are available at www.jlcleveland.org.

Important 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, recipient's transportation, child care, etc.). To find out if your program is accredited, visit <https://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/> or speak with your student advisor.
- Funds may be used to pay current and upcoming tuition; they cannot be used to pay off loans.
- Funds are dispersed directly to the educational institution, accredited child care provider, etc.
- Applicants may request scholarships up to \$5,000.
- Applicants 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 if they have not won a JLC scholarship in the past.

Very Important Notes

- Applications may be submitted via mail or email. If submitting via mail, applications should be single-sided and paper-clipped together. Please do not staple the pages together, or please remove the staple if you received the application pre-stapled.
- The application, essay and letter of recommendation must be POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2019.
- The JLC Scholarship Fund Committee will notify recipients by May 1, 2019.

**The Scholarship Fund Application, Personal Essay and Letter of Recommendation
must be submitted via mail or email by March 1, 2019 to:**

Junior League of Cleveland, Inc.
Attn: JLC Scholarship Fund Committee
10819 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, OH 44106
or
scholarship@jlcleveland.org



The Junior League of Cleveland, Inc. Scholarship Fund Application

Please return this completed application POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2019.

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 _____ Supervisor Phone _____

Are you currently a volunteer? Yes No Where _____

Agency Contact Name _____ Contact Phone _____

Were you 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, and degrees and/or certificates received.)

High School/GED _____

Current School/Training Program _____

Academic Advisor Name & Phone _____

Other Education/Training _____



Personal Essay

Please write your essay to answer the question: "WHY DO I NEED THIS SCHOLARSHIP?"

Include information in your essay that tells us more about your specific need for this scholarship, your educational goals, personal background, challenges you have overcome to pursue your education, etc. The essay should not exceed one 8½" x 11" piece of paper.

Letter of Recommendation

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

Name _____ Position _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

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 or email it directly to the JLC by using the contact information found on the bottom of this form. The recommendation must be POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2019.

This recommendation should come from an individual who knows you well and can discuss your work, volunteer or academic experience. This letter is important in our decision-making process. It cannot be from a present or former member of the JLC. The letter of recommendation is not to exceed one 8½" x 11" piece of paper.

Financial Need

Where do you plan to use this scholarship? _____

When (Dates)? _____

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

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

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

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