

Junior League of Cleveland 2021 - 2022 Scholarship Fund Application

Junior League of Cleveland Scholarship Fund
A Scholarship for Women Overcoming Adversity
& Resuming Their Education

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-secondary 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 2021 for the student's use for her current or upcoming term of educational needs
- The Junior League of Cleveland (JLC) will present the funds directly to the institution of the recipient's choice

How do applicants qualify for a scholarship?

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

Information and Applications

- Inquiries may be made to the Junior League of Cleveland Scholarship Fund by calling 216.231.6300, extension 3 or by emailing scholarship@jlcleveland.org
- Copies of this application and eligibility requirements are available at www.jlcleveland.org

Important Details

- Members of the Junior League of Cleveland and their immediate 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 disbursed directly to the educational institution, accredited childcare 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 Junior League of Cleveland
- Applicants should send only requested materials; no other materials will be considered
- Applicants may reapply if they have not been awarded a JLC scholarship in the past

Very Important Notes

- Applications may be submitted via postal mail or electronic mail; if submitting via postal 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, personal essay, and letter of recommendation must be **POSTMARKED or SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY by Monday, March 1, 2021**
- The Junior League of Cleveland Scholarship Fund Committee will notify recipients by Friday, May 1, 2021

The Scholarship Fund Application, Personal Essay, and Letter of Recommendation must be postmarked or submitted electronically by Monday, March 1, 2021, to:

Junior League of Cleveland
Attn: JLC Scholarship Fund Committee
3615 Superior Avenue E.
Building 44, Fourth Floor, Suite 4404C
Cleveland, OH 44106
or via email at Scholarship@jlcleveland.org

Junior League of Cleveland Scholarship Fund Application

Please return this completed application POSTMARKED by Monday, March 1, 2021.

Personal Information (Please print clearly)

CURRENT DATE:

FULL NAME:

YEAR BORN:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

COUNTY:

ZIP:

PHONE NUMBER (HOME):

PHONE NUMBER (MOBILE):

EMAIL (EXAMPLE@EXAMPLE.COM):

ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED?

IF SO, WHERE?

WORK ADDRESS:

SUPERVISOR NAME:

SUPERVISOR PHONE:

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A VOLUNTEER?

IF SO, WHERE?

AGENCY CONTACT NAME:

AGENCY CONTACT PHONE:

WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE?

IF SO, WHEN?

IF SO, IN WHICH 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:

ACADEMIC ADVISOR 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.

Please either email to Scholarship@jlcleveland.org or mail your essay to:

Junior League of Cleveland
Attn: JLC Scholarship Fund Committee
3615 Superior Avenue
Building 44, Fourth Floor, Suite 4404C
Cleveland, OH 44114

by Monday, March 1, 2021 (if mailing, must be postmarked by this date).

Letter of Recommendation

Only one letter of recommendation is required. Please instruct the individual writing your letter of recommendation to send it via postal mail or electronically directly to the JLC at:

Junior League of Cleveland
Attn: JLC Scholarship Fund Committee
3615 Superior Avenue E.
Building 44, Fourth Floor, Suite 4404C
Cleveland, OH 44106
or
scholarship@jlcleveland.org

The recommendation must be postmarked or submitted electronically by Monday, March 1, 2021.

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.

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

NAME:

POSITION:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL (EXAMPLE@EXAMPLE.COM):

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS PERSON AS A REFERENCE?

Financial Need

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO USE THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS IF AWARDED?

WHEN (DATES)?

WHAT IS THE PROJECTED COST OF YOUR PLAN OF STUDY? \$

(Applicants may request up to \$5000 but the amount awarded may be less than the requested amount.)

WHAT IS YOUR FINANCIAL REQUEST OF THE JLC SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

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