

**Junior League of Las Cruces**

*Women building better communities*

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for considering membership in the Junior League of Las Cruces (JLLC). JLLC is a nonprofit organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action of trained volunteers. Membership is open to all women over the age of 22 who have an interest in community service, regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

We accept applications for Prospective Members through an informed admissions system twice per year. The Board of Directors will ensure that you are knowledgeable of all expectations of membership and the time commitment required, not just during your new member year but the Active membership years that follow. The first year of membership is full of exciting and informative activities that are designed to educate you about the function of the JLLC. In essence, it is a full year of training to make you a better community leader. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet women who share the same interest in voluntarism. The enclosed agreement for the 2018 year will be very beneficial in providing you an overview of your first year in the League.

It would be an honor to have you consider joining us as a member of The League. Being a member of the JLLC has tremendously enriched each of our lives; our wish for you is to be impacted in a similar fashion and grow as an individual and a community leader through your League affiliation.

The time and volunteer efforts of our members are part of the League’s ongoing gift to the Las Cruces community. The League has a great history of “Women Building Better Communities” in the greater Las Cruces area. Thank you in advance for considering sharing your time and talents with the Junior League and the Las Cruces community.

Most sincerely,

Jennifer Garcia-Kozlozki

President

**Prospective Membership Information**

**Mission Statement**

The Association of Junior Leagues International 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.

**Vision Statement**

The Junior League of Las Cruces, Inc. strengthens the community by embracing diverse perspectives, building partnerships and inspiring shared solutions.

**Reaching Out Statement**

The Junior League of Las Cruces, Inc. reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism.

**Criteria for membership:**

1. Must be at least 22 years old.

2. Be a resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

3. Demonstrate an interest in voluntarism and a commitment to community service.

4. Show an interest in developing potential as a trained volunteer and leader.

5. Sign a contract outlining the responsibilities of new membership. The Board of Directors studies the qualifications of each prospective member with regard to the purpose of the Junior League of Las Cruces and the criteria for membership.

**Process for Joining:**

1. Complete the application for membership.

3. Pay membership dues ($65/January-June 2017) and new member orientation fees ($25 one-time payment). Total yearly dues are $130 per year. If a payment plan is needed, please speak with our Treasurer.

**Benefits of membership:**

• Opportunity to engage with like-minded women and pursue common interests.

• Make significant community impact. We take pride in our awareness of community needs and opportunities to contribute to solutions so that we can continue to make a positive impact in the community.

• Gain new friends and opportunities for continued growth and personal fulfillment.

• Develop new leadership skills.

• Membership in an international organization with membership transferability to Leagues throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and England.

• Opportunities for further training and development at Junior League conferences.

• Form connections with communities in need, the people we serve and to those whom with we serve.

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**Prospective Member Checklist**

The following is a check list of all the necessary items in order for the Prospective member to be considered for the New Member Class.

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| Item | Completed |
| Prospective Member Information Sheet  |  |
| Prospective Membership Agreement  |  |
| Membership dues ($65/January-June) and new member orientation fees ($25 one-time payment). |  |

**Junior League of Las Cruces Application for Membership**

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN LAS CRUCES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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INTEREST FOR JOINING THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAS CRUCES:

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HOBBIES AND INTEREST:

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PREVIOUS/CURRENT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

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**Prospective Member Agreement**

The Prospective Member must acknowledge the following membership responsibilities:

**Financial Obligations:**

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| **Dues** | **Amount to be Paid** | **Due Date** |
| Membership dues | $65 (January-June) | February 25, 2017 |
| New member fees | $25 (one-time payment) | New Member Orientation (TBD) |

\*\*Please make your checks payable to the Junior League of Las Cruces.

**Time Commitments:**

1. Attend new member training TBD. This will be held on a Saturday, and will last approximately 4 hours.

2. Attend JLLC General Membership Meetings (1 absence will be allowed): **See attached meeting schedule.**

3. Attend periodic socials. Social activities will be planned throughout the year. You may choose the social activities you attend.

4. Serve on the KidFit Committee, fulfilling assigned responsibilities. Attend and work a scheduled shift at KidFit.

5. Participate in “Done in a Day” activities (times and dates TBD throughout the year).

I agree to fulfill the Financial Obligations of the Junior League of Las Cruces. I understand that the membership dues and new member fees are non-refundable and nontransferable. I agree to fulfill the New Member Requirements including Time Commitments, as indicated above. I fully understand the responsibilities of Membership and agree to complete the above requirements.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_