



JUNIOR LEAGUE BIRMINGHAM

Frequently Asked Questions about joining the Junior League of Birmingham

1. Define “Provisional” at the JLB:

Provisional Members are those members who are engaged in training established by the League to prepare them for effective community and League involvement. Provisional Members are not eligible to vote, hold office, or sponsor a candidate for membership.

2. What is the process for applying for membership into the JLB?

The first step is to create your account using the link found on the “How to Join” page. Once you’ve created your account and log-in, you will see a workflow/10 steps that walk you through the process. You will need to pay a \$100 admissions fee – a portion of which will be used to pay for a background check as required by community partners for new volunteers. You will then fill out your account with pertinent information such as contact information, birthday, etc. The fourth step is completing the Application Form which asks you to upload a resume and provide the names of your sponsors. If you do not know your sponsor names at the time of submission, you may tell us that in the form. You will also need to attend one (1) candidate information session (dates listed at jlbonline.com/join). Your sponsors will need to complete the Candidate Sponsorship Form. All information must be submitted by January 31, 2026.

3. Where do I go to pay the application fee, complete the application and have my sponsors complete the sponsor form?

Visit jlbonline.com/join – All forms are located on the website with links to complete them. If you are having trouble, do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Team via email at admissions@jlbonline.com. You may also submit your application and fee following a Candidate Information Session.

4. When you say that one sponsor needs to be an “Active” and the other sponsor a “Sustainer”, what does that mean?

An “Active” Member is one who is currently in good standing and volunteering their time and talents within the JLB.

A “Sustaining” Member is one who has given ten (10) years of Active service and is in good standing. Please note, a member who is currently in their Provisional Year or who is on Restricted Status is not eligible to be a sponsor.

5. Do my sponsors need to be members of the JLB or can they be members of any Junior League?

Sponsors can only be Active or Sustaining Members of the Junior League of Birmingham.

6. I am new to Birmingham, and I don’t know anyone that is a member of the JLB. How do I find sponsors?

The League encourages prospective members to find their sponsors by asking around at your workplace or networking events, on social media, place of worship, gym, alumni events, etc. We encourage you to attend League events that are open to the public (fundraisers, etc.) to meet members. We will also host events that are designed to connect prospective members with active and sustaining members. If you are unable to find sponsors after due diligence, please reach out to the Admissions Team.

7. What is the age criteria for membership into the JLB?

In order to join the Provisional Class for 2026-2027, you must be at least 23 years of age by September 1, 2026.



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8. I was an Active member of another League and have recently moved to Birmingham. Do I need to restart my Provisional year in order to become a member of the JLB?

In most cases, if you have completed your Provisional Year at another Junior League, you can transfer your membership. In order to transfer your membership, you must contact your current League and ask them to transfer your Membership to the JLB, via the AJLI (Association of Junior Leagues International) e-Transfer system. You can also reach out to our Membership VP at membershipvp@jlbonline.com or our Transfer Chair at transfers@jlbonline.com for assistance with the transfer process.

When following up, please have the information below readily available:

- Name, Local Birmingham Address and Phone Number
- Email Address
- AJLI Number
- Your Current Status (Active, Provisional, Sustainer)

9. What are the typical Provisional Financial requirements for the JLB?

- \$400 Annual Dues
- \$150 One-Time Provisional Course Fee

Total: \$550* Payable by June 1, 2026

***Subject to increase**

10. What is included in Provisional Annual Dues?

The dues include the following membership perks:

- One (1) Shop Save & Share Card
- Four (4) General Admission Market Noel Tickets OR one (1) Preview Noel Ticket (*subject to availability*)
- Up to two (2) JLB Gift Shop Coupons of 25% or greater discount
- Early Access for JLB Fundraiser ticketed events
- Membership T-Shirt (at least every two years) & Nametag (upon first active year)
- Numerous discounts and benefits offered through AJLI
- Membership benefits are subject to change based on event availability, AJLI discount changes and hosted fundraiser changes

11. What are the typical Provisional, organizational & community requirements for the JLB?

- Attend Opening Retreat (Typically August)
- Attend Four (6) Provisional Meetings:
 - Two (3) in the Fall (September, October, November)
 - Two (3) in the Winter/Spring (February, March, April)
 - Typically the First or Last Tuesday of the month from 6 – 8 p.m.
- Attend Closing Session (Typically First Tuesday of May)
- 20 Community Hours
- Directory Picture
- Four (4) Credit Opportunities (e.g., General Membership Meetings, Member Trainings)
- Two (2) 3-Hour Shiftwork Credits

12. What are the typical Active requirements (financial, organizational, & community) to maintain membership in the JLB?

- Annual Dues: Currently \$400*



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- Credit Opportunities (e.g., General Membership Meetings OR Member Trainings):
 - o Active Years 1 – 4: Four (4) Credit Opportunities
 - o Active Years 5 – 8: Three (3) Credit Opportunities
 - o Active Years 9 – 10: One (1) Credit Opportunity
- Two (2) 3-Hour Shiftwork Credits:
 - o Active Years 1 – 4: Two (2) 3-Hour Shiftwork Credits
 - o Active Years 5-8: One (1) 3-Hour Shiftwork Credit
 - o Active Years 9 – 10: Zero (0) 3-Hour Shiftwork Credit
- One Placement Per Year: Typically, 40 hours per year

13. Who do I contact if I have questions?

The Admissions Team is available to answer any questions that you might have. Their email address is: admissions@jlbonline.com

14. What are important upcoming dates to remember?

- Application and all pre-requisites due January 31, 2026.