**Junior League of Memphis**

**2016-2017 Voluntarism Scholarship Award**

**Purpose**

As an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and improving the community through effective action and leadership, the Junior League of Memphis (JLM) offers scholarships to well-rounded young women who have demonstrated leadership qualities and a commitment to voluntarism.

**Available Awards**

The Junior League of Memphis Scholarship Award Program will award $10,000 in college scholarships to three female high school seniors. The first-place winner will receive a one-time $5,000 scholarship. Second- and third-place winners will each receive a one-time $2,500 scholarship. Scholarship awards must be used for payment of tuition, fees, and other school-related expenses.

Scholarship checks will be written to the school or university on behalf of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be disbursed in two installments. One installment will be paid to the school in Fall 2016, and the other in Spring 2017. If a student does not complete her fall semester or maintain the required 3.0 GPA, she will not be awarded the second installment of the scholarship; the Board of Directors reserves the right to make an exception for a recipient whose GPA is below 3.0 as a result of extenuating medical or personal circumstances. An official copy of the student’s grades should be submitted to the JLM at the end of the Fall 2016 semester (student’s SSN should be redacted).

**Eligibility and Criteria for Scholarships**

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

* Reside in Shelby County
* Be a first-generation college student (neither parent earned a bachelor’s degree)
* Be a female graduating high school senior who plans to attend one of the following schools in the following year:
  + Baptist College of Health Sciences
  + Christian Brothers University
  + LeMoyne-Owen College
  + Memphis College of Art
  + Rhodes College
  + The University of Memphis
* Demonstrate a strong commitment to voluntarism in the local community
* Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
* Not be an immediate relative (sister or daughter) of a Junior League member
* Demonstrate financial need
* Attend a Scholarship Recipient Orientation provided by the JLM
* Maintain regular communication with JLM mentor(s) (ongoing) and update the JLM about the first-year experience (May 2017)

The following criteria will be considered in selecting scholarship recipients:

* Academic merit—consideration will be given to transcript (including course rigor and GPA), standardized test scores, and awards and accomplishments
* Volunteer impact—including work as an organizer and leader of community volunteer activities
* Strong personal character—as reflected in recommendation letters and essays

**Procedures**

To apply, applicants should submit an application package including all required documents:

* Completed application form
* Official high school transcript(s)
* Two signed letters of recommendation. Recommenders may include teachers, principal, deans, pastor, supervisor for a job or volunteer work, family friend, or another person who knows the applicant well. Recommendations from family members are not acceptable. Recommendations should include comments about the applicant’s personal character, her commitment to voluntarism and community engagement, and her ability to succeed in college.
* Copy of FAFSA or CSS form that has been submitted

Applications should be mailed to the Junior League of Memphis, Community Resource Center, 3475 Central Ave., Memphis, TN 38111, Attn: Scholarship Committee. Applications should be postmarked by February 26. The Junior League is not responsible for lost of misdirected applications.

Understand that submitting an application is in no way a guarantee that a scholarship will be granted. Understand that scholarship award checks will be written to the school or university on behalf of the scholarship recipient. The Junior League of Memphis will not be involved with the distribution of funds other than payment to the recipient’s school. Be advised that all applications become property of the Junior League of Memphis and will not be returned to the applicant. All information will be treated in a professional manner. The Scholarship Committee will inform all applicants of its decision by May 2016 by e-mail or U.S. mail. Direct all questions to the Scholarship Committee at [JLMemphisScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:JLMemphisScholarship@gmail.com)

**Method of Selection**

The JLM Scholarship Committee will form a Selection Committee composed of JLM members and non-members, including local educators. The Selection Committee will review all completed scholarship applications and select up to six finalists. Information about each finalist will be presented to JLM members at the March General Membership Meeting. JLM Members will have two weeks to vote for the scholarship recipients. Recipients will be announced and introduced at the May General Membership meeting.

**Timeline**

* February 26 – Postmark deadline for completed applications
* March 21 – Finalists notified
* March 28-April 11 – JLM members vote
* April 25 – Winners notified
* May 16 – Winners recognized at JLM meeting

**Questions?**

* E-mail the Scholarship Committee at [JLMemphisScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:JLMemphisScholarship@gmail.com)

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Please type your responses if possible. Otherwise, please print neatly in blue or black ink.

Student’s Full Name:

Street Address/Apt. #:

City, State, Zip Code:

Student’s Telephone Number:

Student’s E-mail:

Parent/Guardian’s Name:

Parent’s Telephone Number (if different):

Parent’s E-mail (if available):

Name of High School:

City and State of High School:

Guidance Counselor’s Name:

Guidance Counselor’s Telephone Number:

Guidance Counselor’s E-mail:

Current GPA:

SAT Score: \_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_ Critical Reading \_\_\_\_ Writing

*and/or*

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_ Composite

What eligible college(s)/university(ies) are you applying to? (Circle all that apply.)

* + Baptist College of Health Sciences
  + Christian Brothers University
  + LeMoyne-Owen College
  + Memphis College of Art
  + Rhodes College
  + The University of Memphis

Intended Major:

JLM Mission: The Junior League of Memphis 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.

**Volunteer, Work, Extracurricular Activities, and Family Responsibilities**

Please use the table below to list your involvement in volunteer engagements; paid employment; clubs, sports, or other activities (school- or community-based); and/or family responsibilities. Add an additional sheet if needed.

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| **Organization** | **Role/Duties** | **Dates of Involvement** | **Time Commitment** (e.g., 3 hours/week) |
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**Honors and Elected Offices**

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**Essays**

Please respond to Prompt 1 and to one of the three choices for Prompt 2 (a., b., or c.). Please attach your essays on separate sheets of paper.

1. Please describe your volunteer experiences and the impact that these experiences have had on you and on the persons and/or organizations served. (200-400 words)
2. Please write an essay of 200-400 words in response to one of the prompts below:
   1. What type of leader do you aspire to be, and in what ways do you need to develop in order to become this type of leader?
   2. If you had the opportunity to change something in your community, what would you change and why?
   3. What are your most significant work and/or family responsibilities, and what have you learned or accomplished through them?

**Required Enclosures**

* Official transcript, including ACT and/or SAT scores
* Two signed letters of recommendation
* FAFSA or CSS form