



2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

Overview

The Junior League of Pittsburgh (“JLP”) plans to award a \$1,500 scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year to a woman studying childhood food access at the associate, bachelor, or graduate level at a college or university in Allegheny County, PA. Please see the Eligibility Requirements for full details. The recipient may allocate these funds as best needed to support her studies.

Important Information

- Scholarship Application Issue Date: January 22, 2018.
- **Scholarship Application Deadline: February 28, 2018**
- Notice of Award Date: April 2, 2018. Check will be mailed shortly thereafter.
- Presentation at JLP Membership Meeting: September 2018 – Date to be confirmed.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible candidates are:

- Women who are academically focused on the factors of childhood food insecurity and/or methods for ensuring childhood food access, such as poverty, nutrition, food systems, federal benefit programs, social policy, and/or economic and social injustice.
- Students working to earn an associate, undergraduate, or graduate degree.
- Students studying at a college or university in Allegheny County, PA at the time of application (spring 2018), who will also be enrolled in that same school for at least the fall 2018 term.

Additionally:

- The scholarship winner is expected to present on her area of study at a meeting of the full JLP membership in September 2018 in downtown Pittsburgh.

- Candidates must submit:
 1. A completed scholarship application (included)
 2. An unofficial transcript
 3. Thoughtful responses to the short-answer and essay prompts in the application.

Submission Information

Please return completed applications by email or mail using the information below:

Robin Alexander
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or mail to:

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Applications may be sent electronically or by mail. Our preference is to receive electronic copies; however, sending hard copies will not reflect negatively on your application. If mailing hard copies, please send only one copy, which must be postmarked before February 28, 2018.

If you have questions about this application package or the process, please email Robin Alexander at research@jlpgh.org.

About Us

JLP Mission

The Junior League of Pittsburgh is an organization of women dedicated to improving the Pittsburgh community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Issue-based Community Impact

The Junior League of Pittsburgh is working toward securing food access for households living below the poverty line in the East End of Pittsburgh. 2017 was the first year we awarded the annual scholarship to a woman studying food access because we want to invest in solutions in our focus area.

Since fall 2015, the JLP has committed its resources to fighting childhood hunger and food insecurity. To that end, we provided critical funds to establish the backpack

feeding program at Propel East K-8 school, provided financial and volunteer support to backpack feeding programs at elementary schools in the Pittsburgh Public Schools system, and helped to fund the summer feeding program at FOCUS Pittsburgh. Our knowledgeable members are passionate about ending childhood hunger. As our members become more educated about this issue, we aim to build partnerships in the community with organizations and service providers working to fight hunger in Pittsburgh.



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Applicant Information

Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Local Address _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____

Academic Information

College/University _____

Program of Study _____

Major _____

Minor, if any _____

Degree Pursuing _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Experience in Childhood Food Security Issues

We are particularly interested in what you learned about childhood food security and what type of expertise you have developed that you might share with JLP. On a separate sheet, please share your thoughts on the following:

1. How do your studies advance the cause of childhood food access in the Pittsburgh region? *Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences.*
2. Describe how your studies have impacted your interest in childhood food access. Please include a description of any relevant coursework and/or experiential projects. *No limit on response length.*

Answer for Question 1

Answer for Question 2 – Please attach additional pages if necessary.



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Please list your relevant community service experiences, if any, which involved fighting childhood hunger.

Community Organization	When Did You Volunteer?	Brief Description

I understand the Eligibility Requirements for the scholarship and certify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature

Date