



To: Junior League of Amarillo Membership  
From: The Membership Development Committee

Thank you for showing an interest in bettering the future of the Junior League of Amarillo. Please, consider sponsoring women who have shown an interest in voluntarism and have leadership potential. When you decide to sponsor a prospective member, you will be asked to take on a mentorship role for that prospective member to help develop their full potential as a member.

Our criteria for membership are:

- \*Age and residency (see Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2)
- \*Interest in voluntarism
- \*Commitment to community service
- \*Interest in developing her potential for voluntary community participation

\*AGE REQUIREMENTS: Prospective member must be at least 22 years of age by the due date of the Sponsor Intent Form.

Much of the strength of the League is derived from the diversity of its members and their many individual talents; yet there are distinguishing qualities which make some prospective members stand above the rest. The following questions are tools for sponsors in their consideration of a prospective member and should not be construed as criteria for membership. How does your prospective member measure in these areas?

1. Is this the right time for your prospective member? Consider her other commitments - family, church, employment, school, etc.
2. Would she willingly and positively give her time to the League?
3. Would she accept all League responsibilities and obligations?
4. Has she shown a community interest?
5. Would she work well with others?
6. Does she exhibit integrity and live by a standard which will reflect credit on the Junior League?
7. Is she dependable and responsible?
8. Would you feel confident sponsoring her?
9. Could you go to her if problems occurred during her Provisional year?
10. If she were to transfer, would she be a credit to your League as well as the new one?

Attached is the Sponsor Intent Form. This is not an application - it is a tool to help organize your sponsor team to let the Membership Recruitment Committee know of your intent and avoid duplication of prospective members. Return this form to Teresa Snider at 1700 S. Polk Amarillo, Texas 79102. You can mail in or drop off the forms no later than May 1, 2021. If any change in your sponsor team occurs, please contact Teresa Snider at 806-674-8012.

THE SPONSOR OR SPONSORS MUST REMAIN ELIGIBLE  
(NO LEAVES, RESIGNATIONS OR MEMBERS ON RESTRICTIVE STATUS)  
FROM THE DAY THE SPONSOR INTENT FORM IS DUE  
(MAY 1, 2021, OR 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING)  
THROUGH THE SPECIFIED 72 HOUR PERIOD.

### THE SPONSOR

Sponsoring a prospective member is an honor. Our purpose is to train new leaders for volunteer service. Our Mission is as follows: The Junior League of Amarillo 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.

#### WHO CAN SPONSOR?

1. Active and Sustaining members who are in good standing and are not currently taking a leave of absence may sponsor a prospective member. A member in good standing the entire preceding and current administrative year may have the privilege of sponsoring a prospective member. No member on leave of absence, or on restrictive status, may sponsor a prospective member.
2. Each prospective member must have ONE sponsor who is Active or Sustaining (see Bylaws Article IV, Section 2,b.). Prospective members may have up to four sponsors who are Active or Sustaining.
3. A member may sponsor a maximum of FOUR prospective members.
4. No member may sponsor her daughter, step-daughter, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, niece, sister, or sister-in-law.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPONSOR:

1. Complete, sign and hand-deliver or mail the mandatory Sponsor Intent Form (attached) by May 1, 2021, to Teresa Snider at 1700 S. Polk, Amarillo, Texas 79102. No late Sponsor Intent Forms will be accepted.
2. Each sponsor will pay \$30.00 per prospective member for hospitality fees during the Provisional Course. Sponsors -please turn in one check or money order, made out to the Junior League of Amarillo for \$30, along with the Sponsor Intent Form, in an envelope with prospective member's name on the outside. If the prospective member declines, the sponsors' hospitality fees will be refunded **UPON WRITTEN REQUEST** to the Finance Vice-President by June 1, 2021. Sponsors of non-resident prospective members are exempt unless the prospective member participates in the Provisional course in Amarillo.
3. During the May Membership meeting, sponsors will pick up and distribute invitations within 72

hours.

4. Sponsors may be requested to meet with the Membership Development Chairman with their prospective members.
5. Accompany your Provisional to the September Membership Meeting.
6. Be accessible to your Provisional prior to and during her Provisional year for questions and assistance as needed.
7. Be listed with your Provisional's name in the 2021-2022 Yearbook.

