



2026 Voluntarism Scholarship Award Application

Dear Prospective Applicant,

The Junior League of Greater New Haven is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

The Voluntarism Scholarship Award was established to promote the Junior League of Greater New Haven's commitment to volunteer service in the community. Each year, we recognize the outstanding community service of female high school seniors in the Greater New Haven area, who plan to attend an accredited college, university, or vocational school. In 2026, we will award up to one scholarship of \$1,500 each, to a high school senior who exemplifies a demonstrated commitment to voluntarism.

Eligibility

Any individual who identifies as a female, completing their high school senior year and enrolled as a full-time student in the Greater New Haven area who is an active volunteer in their community and is planning to attend an accredited college, university, or vocational school is eligible to apply. The Greater New Haven area includes the following towns and/or cities: Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge. An applicant must be nominated by either a community organization, school official, or by a member of the Junior League of Greater New Haven. This award is not based on academic performance or financial need. Rubric is utilized by the committee to assist in determining the applicant who is best fit to receive the award.

Application Process

One completed copy of this application along with an essay and two letters of recommendation must be completed and sent to the Junior League of Greater New Haven. If the applicant is unable to complete the application in an electronic format they may contact the committee chairperson for assistance at hsva@jlgnh.org and the committee can send a printable form. Applications must be received by **April 17, 2026, including letters of recommendation**. The letters of recommendation should be sent by the recommender via email to hsva@jlgnh.org. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted via the applicant, to be considered they must be sent by the recommender. Please be sure to keep a receipt of your application for your own records.

Scholarship Award

The chosen recipient will be notified in writing no later than **May 15, 2026**. Awards will be made in the form of a check payable to both the student and the college or university. Awardees will be asked for a Social Security Number for the Junior League to process the award payment. The awards will be presented to the recipient at the JLGNH Annual Dinner at the beginning of June 2026.

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Student Information

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last _____

Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Names

Phone _____ Email _____

References Submitting Recommendations on Applicant's Behalf

Nominator/Reference #1 Name

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Relationship to Applicant

Reference #2 Name

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Relationship to Applicant

School Information

High School _____

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Guidance Counselor:

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Graduation Date _____

Higher Education Plans

Accredited college, university, or vocational school you plan to attend:

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Enrollment Date _____

Volunteer Community Service			
Agency/Organization	Participation Dates	Services Performed	Total Service Hours

Participation in Activities and Organizations	
Organization/Activity	Participation Dates

Honors and Awards		
Grade	Award	Nature of Award

Applicant Essay

Please submit with your application a typed essay of 500 or fewer words that explains why you volunteer, what voluntarism means to you, and how participating in community services has affected your life.

Letters of Recommendation

The application process requires the submission of two dated and signed letters of recommendation. One letter must be from the person who nominated you for this award. The second letter may be from an adult supervisor of a recent community service activity in which you participated, a teacher, a guidance counselor, or a school principal. These letters must give reference to your character, volunteer activities, abilities, and work habits. The letters of recommendation should be sent by the recommender via email to hsva@jlgnh.org. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted via the applicant; to be considered they must be sent by the recommender.

Verification and Authorization

By electronically signing this application, I verify the accuracy of this completed form. False information will disqualify the applicant from consideration for this scholarship award.

I also authorize my school (or the applicant's school if I am the parent or guardian of an applicant under the age of 18), including school personnel, to disclose any information about me (or the applicant) from my educational records as may be required or appropriate to submit a recommendation or verify my school records.

Student Electronic Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Electronic Signature _____ Date _____

Publicity Release

If I receive the award, the Junior League of Greater New Haven may use my name and application information for the purposes of advertising, publicity, and promotions or publications without further consent or compensation.

Student Electronic Signature (If applicant is at least 18 years of age.)

_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Electronic Signature (If applicant is under 18 years of age.)

_____ Date _____

Submission

Save the completed application (electronic form) in Word or PDF format, and e-mail both the application and essay to hsva@jlgnh.org with the subject heading "JLGNH Scholarship" and the Applicant's Last Name. Recommendation letters should be sent separately via email by the recommenders.

Application Checklist

Completed, signed application
Applicant essay
Two dated and signed letters of
recommendation (sent with application
packet in separately sealed envelopes or via
separate email from the recommenders)

If you have further questions, or for more information, contact Monica Grey-Childs, HSVA Chair via email at hsva@jlgnh.org.