



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

2026 Voluntarism Scholarship Award

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 and leadership 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 one scholarship of \$1,500 to a high school senior who demonstrates commitment to voluntarism.

Eligibility

Any individual who identifies as a female, completing her high school senior year and enrolled as a full-time student in the Greater New Haven area, who is an active volunteer in her 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 help determine which applicant is the 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 sent to the Junior League of Greater New Haven via the online form found at [Voluntarism Scholarship Award](#). If the applicant is unable to complete the application in an electronic format through Google, she may contact the committee chairperson for assistance at hsva@jlgnh.org and the committee can send a printable form. Applications must be received by **Friday, 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 and must be sent directly by the recommender. Applicants should keep a receipt of the application for their own records. Applicants will be evaluated on

- Number of Community Service Hours
- Ongoing Community Volunteer Efforts beyond the Curriculum
- Impact of Volunteer Efforts
- Expected Ongoing Community Involvement/ Dedication to Causes and Community
- Professionalism of Materials Submitted

Scholarship Award

The chosen recipient will be notified in writing no later than **Friday, 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 to provide their Social Security number in order for the Junior League to process the award payment. The awards will be presented to the recipients at the JLGNH Annual Dinner on **June 3, 2026**.