



## **2017-2018 JLT Teen Board Information and Application**

### **TEEN BOARD OVERVIEW**

The Junior League of Tallahassee (JLT) is excited to recruit the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Teen Board, selecting high school junior and senior female leaders in our community to serve a one-year term (September 2017 – May 2018). The JLT Teen Board provides a foundation of volunteerism and offers the opportunity for Teen Board members to gain an understanding of the impact JLT has on the Tallahassee community, while earning needed volunteer hours for college and scholarship applications. Members of the JLT Teen Board will receive training from JLT members and community leaders to help with success through the remainder of high school, college, and beyond. Teen Board members will have opportunities to volunteer at key JLT projects and for projects throughout the community. In addition, the teen participants will have the benefit of interacting with other young women their age from across the community.

### **WHO IS JLT?**

JLT was established in 1960 by a group of visionary women committed to serving the community in a volunteer capacity. Today, JLT has nearly 500 members, both active and sustaining, and remains committed to developing the potential of women as leaders and grassroots volunteers in charitable causes that improve our local community. This year alone, we will contribute more than 10,000 volunteer hours to promote our mission and improve the lives of local children and families. JLT and the Association of Junior Leagues International reach out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism.

### **JLT MISSION**

JLT is a nonprofit organization of women committed to improving the lives of children and families through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

### **JLT IMPACT AREA**

**School success:** Our community projects provide children and families the opportunities to succeed in school through health, self-esteem, and basic needs.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND TIMELINE

Thank you for your interest in the 2017-2018 JLT Teen Board. Please carefully review the expectations, criteria, and commitment to the Teen Board, and complete the application below. Applications are due no later than **Friday, April 28, 2017**, and should be submitted via email to [teenboard@jltallahassee.org](mailto:teenboard@jltallahassee.org). All applications will be reviewed by JLT members. Interviews will take place **during the week of May 1, 2017**. Applicants will be notified via email to sign up for an interview time, and interviews will last approximately 15 minutes. The selected 2017-2018 Teen Board will be announced no later than **Friday, May 12, 2017**.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

You can expect the following by participating in the 2017-2018 JLT Teen Board:

1. Gain valuable volunteer training.
2. Earn volunteer hours to showcase on college and scholarship applications.
3. Interact with other young women your age from across the community.
4. Meet local nonprofit and community leaders.
5. Grow and develop as a leader and a volunteer.

### CRITERIA

Applicants must be:

1. In the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2017-2018 school year and attend a school in Leon, Gadsden, or Wakulla County, or be home-schooled as a Leon, Gadsden, or Wakulla County resident.
2. Identified by school administrators or other community leaders as having leadership potential (teachers, administrators, coaches, instructors, faith community, neighbor, employer, etc.).
3. Interested in learning more about volunteer and leadership opportunities in our community.
4. Interested in putting skills gained in Teen Board training to use in our community.
5. Positive and enthusiastic about networking with other local high school teens.
6. Willing to commit the energy necessary to gain a meaningful experience as a JLT Teen Board member.
7. Willing to consistently participate in meetings and activities.

Applicants must have:

1. A minimum of 2.5 GPA, unweighted.
2. Signed consent of their parent/guardian at the end of the application.
3. Signed consent of their parent/guardian for the Teen Board waiver, if selected (included in this application).

### COMMITMENT TO THE TEEN BOARD

The JLT Teen Board requires a level of commitment and dedication from each selected member in order to provide a successful and meaningful experience.

- Members are expected to participate in **all** JLT Teen Board events and activities unless they have communicated with the Teen Board Chairs to be excused from an event.
- There will be monthly Teen Board training meetings, and those dates will be set with the teens in order to achieve the best participation and attendance.
- Teen Board members commit to volunteer for a minimum of three (3) shifts at a JLT community project or fundraiser, based upon Teen Board member's schedule and availability. The members will be notified of volunteer opportunities as they arise.
- There is a \$20 scholarship/activities fee once you are chosen for the 2017-2018 JLT Teen Board. If for any reason you are unable to pay the fee, please let the Teen Board Chairs know. Not paying the fee does not preclude the member from participating in Teen Board.

### QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns about the application process or the JLT Teen Board, please send an email to [teenboard@jltallahassee.org](mailto:teenboard@jltallahassee.org).

# 2017-2018 Junior League of Tallahassee Teen Board Application

**\*\*All application information and questions must be typed\*\***

Applicant Information						
Last Name		First Name		M.I.		D.O.B.
Street Address					Apt/Unit #	
City		State			Zip	
Cell Phone			Home Phone			
Email Address			2017-2018 School			
2017-2018 Grade Level		Unweighted GPA		Race/Ethnicity		

Parental/Guardian Information						
Father/Guardian Last Name		First Name				
Street Address					Apt/Unit#	
City		State			Zip	
Cell Phone			Home Phone			
Email Address						
Mother/Guardian Last Name		First Name				
Street Address					Apt/Unit#	
City		State			Zip	
Cell Phone			Home Phone			
Email Address						

Emergency Contact Information (other than parent/guardian)						
Full Name		Relationship to Member				
Street Address					Apt/Unit#	
City		State			Zip	
Cell Phone			Alternate Phone			
Email Address						

**Application Questions (\*\* Please limit response to no more than 150 words per question\*\*)**

1. How did you hear about the JLT Teen Board?
2. Do you know any active members or sustainers of the JLT? If so please list below.
3. Please list all current extracurricular activities and organizations in which you participate and are anticipating participating in next school year.
4. Why are you interested in participating in the 2017-2018 JLT Teen Board?
5. What skills are you seeking to gain in this volunteer training and leadership experience?
6. Please share a bit about past volunteer participation and what you gained from those experiences.
7. Do you need volunteer hours for graduation or scholarship opportunities? If so, please provide the number of hours you need?
8. What assets could you bring by participating in the 2017-2018 JLT Teen Board and why should you be selected to represent your school to serve on the JLT TB this year?
9. Share a little about your long-term goals after completion of high school.
10. Have you ever received any suspension or been expelled? If your answer is yes, please explain.

**LETTER OF REFERENCE**

A letter of reference must be provided by a school administrator, teacher, faith, employer, neighbor, sports or civic organization leader. Please have your letter of reference submitted directly to the JLT Teen Board Chairs at [teenboard@jltallahassee.org](mailto:teenboard@jltallahassee.org) with the applicant's first and last name in the subject line by **Friday, April 28, 2017.**

**APPLICANT SIGNATURES**

By signing below, I indicate that I understand the requirements of the JLT Teen Board. If selected, I will dedicate the time and energy necessary to create a meaningful experience for all Teen Board members while upholding the highest of standards. I understand attendance at JLT Teen Board events is mandatory unless I have received prior excuse from the event from the Chairs. I understand that the information provided by the person I have asked to provide a reference on my behalf will be kept confidential and will not be divulged to me at any time.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As the legal parent or guardian of this applicant, I provide consent for my child to apply for the 2017-2018 JLT Teen Board.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TEEN BOARD WAIVER FOR APPLICANT**

I grant to the Junior League of Tallahassee, its representatives, volunteers, and employees the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with Teen Board activities. I authorize Junior League of Tallahassee, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use, and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that Junior League of Tallahassee may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including, for example, publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I grant permission to the Junior League of Tallahassee to share my contact information with other Teen Board members, Junior League Teen Board committee members, and Junior League Teen Board mentors. Contact information will only be shared with Junior League members directly working with the Teen Board, as well as with other Teen Board members to allow for coordination of meetings and events.

I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with the Teen Board activities (such as physical activity), and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself, and further release and discharge the Junior League of Tallahassee for injury, loss, or damage that might occur during the activities.

**I have read and understand the above:**

Teen Board Applicant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Board Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_