



Spark Board Overview

The Junior League of Pensacola (JULEP) is excited to recruit the 3rd annual Spark Board, selecting high school junior and senior female leaders in our community to serve a one-year term (September 2021 – May 2022). The Spark Board provides a foundation of volunteerism and offers the opportunity for Spark Board members to gain an understanding of the impact JULEP has on the Pensacola community, with the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 JULEP Scholarship. As a member of the Spark Board, young women will learn what it takes to become a leader in our community and work directly with Junior League of Pensacola members and today's community leaders. Through this training, Spark Board members will learn leadership skills, professionalism, self-esteem, as well as other valuable skills. Spark Board members will have opportunities to volunteer at key JULEP events and projects throughout the community, as well as develop a philanthropic project for JULEP to execute. In addition, the participants will have the benefit of interacting with other young women their age from across the community.

JULEP Overview

JULEP was established in 1956 by a group of visionary women committed to serving the community in a volunteer capacity. Today, JULEP has nearly 450 diverse members, both active and sustaining, and remains committed to developing the potential of women as leaders and volunteers in charitable causes that improve our local community. JULEP 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.

Spark Committee Overview

The Spark Board was initiated by the Research and Development Committee (RED) of JULEP in 2019. The Spark Committee now oversees the Spark Board Curriculum.

JULEP Mission

The Junior League of Pensacola, Inc. 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.

Diversity and Inclusion Statement

The Junior League of Pensacola welcomes all women who value our mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND TIMELINE

Thank you for your interest in the 2021-2022 JULEP Spark Board. Please carefully review the expectations, criteria, and commitment to the Spark Board, and complete the application below.

Applications are due **August 31, 2021**. All applications will be reviewed by JULEP members.

Interviews will take place tentatively on the week of **September 6th**. Applicants will be notified via email to sign up for an interview time. Interviews will last approximately 15-20 minutes.

What to Expect from Spark Board

1. Gain valuable volunteer training
2. Earn volunteer hours to showcase on college and scholarship applications
3. Interact with other high school women from across the community
4. Grow and develop as a leader and volunteer
5. Gain experience developing a philanthropic project

Criteria

Applicants must be:

1. In the 11th or 12th grade during the 2021-2022 school year and attend a school in Escambia, or Santa Rosa County, or be home-schooled as an Escambia, or Santa Rosa County resident;
2. Recommendation from school administrators or other community leaders as having leadership potential (teachers, administrators, coaches, instructors, faith leaders, employers, etc.) *Strongly encouraged*;
3. Interested in learning more about volunteer and leadership opportunities in the community;
4. Interested in applying the skills gained in Spark Board training in the community;
5. Positive and enthusiastic about networking with other local high school teens;
6. Willing to make the time commitment necessary to gain a meaningful experience as a Spark Board member; and
7. Willing to actively participate in meetings and activities.

Applicants must have:

1. The signed consent of their parent/guardian to participate; and
2. The signed consent of their parent/guardian for the Spark Board waiver, if selected.

Both signed consent forms are included at the end of the document.



Commitment to Spark Board

The Spark Board requires a level of commitment and dedication from each selected member in order to provide a successful and meaningful experience. Please note the following commitments:

- Members are expected to participate in all Spark Board events and activities unless they have communicated with the RED Chairs and been excused from an event.
- Attendance required for all 7 monthly Spark Board meetings.
- Spark Board members commit to a minimum of 8 volunteer hours through the Spark Board's community service project(s) and/or JULEP volunteer shifts that will be offered throughout the year outside of the regularly scheduled Spark Board meetings and project(s).
- Participate in the development of a philanthropic project with a peer group.

Application

The 2021-2022 Spark Board application is available on the JULEP website:

<https://pensacola.jl.org/spark/>

Please note the online application must be completed in its entirety at one time. Applicants cannot go back to work on a portion of the application and complete it later. With this in mind, it is recommended you review the application questions and prepare your answers in a separate document and then copy/paste your answers into the application form when you are ready to apply. You can view the application before completing it as many times as you need to.

The application will request the following information:

1. Personal, parent/guardian, and emergency contact information.
2. Short-answer questions related to your interest, past experience, current involvement and future goals.
3. Request for a letter of reference to be emailed to spark@juniorleagueofpensacola.org, which must be received by the application date (August 31, 2021).
4. Upload the waiver signed by your parent/guardian within the application OR email the signed waiver to spark@juniorleagueofpensacola.org by the application date (August 31, 2021)
5. Signature of applicant (write your name in to serve as signature)

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns about the application process or the Spark Board, please send an email to spark@juniorleagueofpensacola.org.



Participation Agreement & Waiver

Participation Agreement:

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

Applicant Signature:

As the legal parent or guardian of this applicant, I provide consent for my child to apply for the 2021-2022 Spark Board.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Spark Board Waiver:

I grant to the Junior League of Pensacola, its representative, volunteers and employees the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with Spark Board Activities. I authorize Junior League of Pensacola, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that Junior League of Pensacola 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 Pensacola to share my contact information with other Spark Board members, Junior League RED committee members, and Junior League Spark Board mentors. Contact information will only be shared with Junior League members directly working with the Spark Board, as well as with other Spark Board members to allow for coordination of meetings and events.

I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with the Spark 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 Pensacola for injury, loss, or damage that might occur during the activities.

I have read and understand the above:

Applicant Printed Name:

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: