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**The Junior League of Springfield Announces New Scholarship Opportunity**

**SPRINGFIELD, MO, October 13, 2015** — The Junior League of Springfield (JLS) is proud to announce a new opportunity for non-traditional female students called "The Building Better Communities Scholarship". The scholarship will be awarded in the next two months to a female student participating in a program eligible to receive a degree or license upon graduation.

The Junior League of Springfield anticipates awarding \$500 scholarships to two women within the community to assist them with the expense of their education. Funds will be paid directly to the designated institution and are to be used only for tuition, books, or lab fees. JLS President Ashley French says, "We are excited to announce the creation of this new scholarship and are proud that our organization can help other women achieve their educational goals."

As an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism and improving the community through effective action and leadership, the Junior League of Springfield is seeking applicants who strive to improve their education and make a difference in the community. Applicants must exhibit strong leadership skills and overall support of the Junior League mission.

The Scholarship Committee will be focusing on the following criteria when making its decision:

1. Essay
2. Background, Interests and Career Goals

3. Financial need
4. School/ Community Activities and Scholastic Achievement
5. Extracurricular Activities and Employment

**Eligibility Requirements: (included but not limited to)**

- Female non-traditional student – defined as 26 years of age and above.
- Enrolled and or accepted for the 2015-16 academic year in a program that the student is eligible to receive license upon graduation.
- Submit proof of enrollment or acceptance letter at accredited institution.
- Resident of Springfield or one of its surrounding communities.
- U.S. citizen, U.S. national or U.S. permanent resident.
- Immediate family members of the Junior League of Springfield which includes New Members, Active and Sustainers as well as League Employees are not eligible to receive a League scholarship.
- Financial Need

Applications can be found on line at [www.JLspringfield.org](http://www.JLspringfield.org) , under Community Impact / Scholarships. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2015 and chosen applicants will be notified by November 20, 2015. The scholarship recipients will be honored at the JLS Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. If you have further questions, please email [jlsscholarships@outlook.com](mailto:jlsscholarships@outlook.com)

**About the Junior League of Springfield**

*The Junior League of Springfield 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 The Junior League of Springfield reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism. Its purposes are exclusively educational and charitable.*

*Since 1959, the Junior League of Springfield has contributed more than \$4 million and more than 1.3 million hours of volunteer service to the Springfield community. For more information, please visit the Junior League of Springfield website at [www.jlspringfield.org](http://www.jlspringfield.org).*