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**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR**

**THE DEBORAH P. ALTMAN OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

**LANCASTER, PA (February 11, 2015)** – The Junior League of Lancaster, PA, Inc. (JLL) is pleased to announce that the organization is now accepting applications for the 2015 Deborah P. Altman Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awards. The award is named for Deborah P. Altman, past president of the Junior League of Lancaster whose life exemplified a commitment to volunteering, a love of children and service to the community. Since the award was established in 1984, over $40,000 has been awarded to outstanding youths in Lancaster County.  
  
The purpose of the award is to recognize young people who demonstrate an exceptional interest and involvement in volunteerism as well as inspiring their peers to volunteer in their communities. Three high school students will be selected to receive the award, each receiving a prize of $600 ($500 monetary award for the student, and $100 award that the student can designate to a charity of their own choosing).

All applications must be received by March 18, 2015. Winners will be notified by April 17, 2015, and award presentation will take place May 4, 2015.  
  
Qualifications for Applying:

Any student residing in Lancaster County between the ages of 16 and 19, by January 31, 2015

Has done his/her volunteer work in Lancaster County

Is not the son or daughter of a Junior League member

Has at least a “C” average this year and the previous academic year

How applications are evaluated:

Quality of volunteer work (as determined by the Awards Committee)

Documented volunteer work

Reference from the adult associated with student’s volunteer work

Documented scholastic record

Properly completed application packet

For application details and documents, please visit the JLL website <http://www.jllancaster.org> or email [jllgrants@gmail.com](mailto:mjllgrants@gmail.com).

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**ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LANCASTER:** Established in 1923, the JLL focuses on elevating the lives of women and children through education. Through our Projects and Programs, using our financial resources and trained volunteers, we initiate and participate in community-based collaborative partnerships that work to broaden the educational, cultural, recreational and health opportunities for children in the Lancaster community. The JLL reaches out to all women who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism. This women’s organization is a 501(c)(3) and empowers members through leadership training as well as working together to build a better community. A prospective member must be at least 21 years of age.

*MISSION: The JLL 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. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.*