



# Dues Assistance Policy

The purpose of providing assistance is to cover partial cost of dues for League of Women Voters membership to those who are unable to afford the current dues.

1. Increase diversity in membership.
2. Attract younger members
3. Assist current members unable to afford to maintain membership
4. Attract former members, seniors and those on fixed incomes.

## Proposed Plan

1. The LWVJA board may establish a fund of up to \$350 (yearly expenses - not cumulative) to pay a portion of national, state and/or local dues of interested persons unable to become members without such assistance. Amounts and duration shall be at the discretion of the President and Treasurer.

2. Caps on assistance: There will be a 5 year maximum on any individual student membership

3. Participation: There will be an expectation of participation in a minimum of three (3) League activities during the year.

4. A description of the program will be included in membership information: LWVJA offers limited supplemental assistance to cover dues of individuals unable to afford full membership dues. To discuss, contact LWVJA President 517-539-2701 or email at: [president@lwvjackson.com](mailto:president@lwvjackson.com)

5. Application process:

- a. Contact President by phone or email.
- b. LWVJA President and if desired by the LWVJA Board a second designated LWVJA officer will informally inquire about reason for dues assistance. No application form will be required.
- c. Those requesting assistance will not be identified to other members, including the board (with the exception of the treasurer).

6. Membership assistance will be for a term of one year, with the possibility of renewal.

7. At the end of a two-year period, the dues assistance program will be re-evaluated for effectiveness and revised as needed.

8. This Dues Assistance program does not preclude anyone wishing to sponsor someone for Membership.

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