

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT LWV MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

When does my membership expire?

An individual's membership in the LWV remains valid for one year from the date of their most recent dues payment. This approach results in a rolling system of membership expirations, based on the last renewal or join date. with each member's annual period determined by their unique payment date.

I don't remember when my last dues payment was. How will I know when to pay dues?

You will receive reminder emails from membership@lww.org as your membership expiration date approaches. The timing of the full sequence of emails is as follows:

- First reminder 60 days before your membership expiration date
- Second reminder 30 days before expiration date
- Third reminder on the expiration date
- Fourth reminder 45 days after the expiration date

After you complete the membership renewal process and make payment, the reminder emails will end.

Are there different membership categories?

There are two categories:

Individual: age 16 and older

Lifetime: a person who has been a member for 50 or more years. Lifetime members are exempt from paying dues.

How much are dues?

Membership dues are based on a "pay-what-you-can" system. The recommended amount is \$75.00, but members can choose to pay more or less than that amount, with the minimum being \$20.00.

How much of my dues payment will come back to LWV Jackson Area?

The total amount paid by each member is split between the local league, the LWV Michigan and the LWVUS as follows:

LWVJA (local league) = 20% of total

LWV Michigan (state) = 45% of total

LWV US (national) = 33% of total

Please note that fees are deducted when some payment methods are used, which reduces the final amount received by each league level.

What payment options do I have for paying my dues?

When you renew your membership through the LWV Membership Portal, you have the option of making a payment with a credit card or through an ACH transfer from a bank account. Both of these payment methods incur a fee (a percentage of the amount paid) and a processing fee. The fees are applied to the amount received by ALL league levels (local, state and national).

You may also pay by check. The payment method does NOT go through the membership portal. To pay by check, write a check to **LWVUS** for the dues amount you choose and *mail it to the LWV Jackson Area* (P.O. Box 1886, Jackson, 49204). Your membership will be updated at the local level and the check sent to LWVUS for processing. There are no fees assessed for this payment method.

Allocation of Dues Payments to Local Leagues

Total Dues Paid	Local League's share (20% of total)	Credit Card Payment (3.9% + .80 Fee): Local Receives:	ACH Payment (1.8% + .50 Fee): Local Receives:	Check Payment No fees Local Receives
\$20.00	\$4.00	3.04	3.42	4.00
\$25.00	\$5.00	4.00	4.41	5.00
\$40.00	\$8.00	6.89	7.36	8.00
\$50.00	\$10.00	8.81	9.32	10.00
\$60.00	\$12.00	10.73	11.29	12.00
\$75.00	\$15.00	13.62	14.23	15.00
\$80.00	\$16.00	14.58	15.21	16.00
\$90.00	\$18.00	16.50	17.18	18.00
\$100.00	\$20.00	18.42	19.14	20.00

Can I donate to the LWV above what I pay in dues?

Donations can be made through the LWV Membership Portal when you make a dues payment OR directly to the individual league level(s). Donations to the LWV Jackson Area can be made on the website (www.lwvjackson.org) or by mailing a check to the address above. Donations can be made to the LWV Michigan on their website (www.lwvmi.org) and to the LWVUS on their website (www.lwv.org).