



THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT INVITES APPLICANTS FOR ITS SHIRLEY WIGHT KEENEY SCHOLARSHIPS

SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY, JANUARY 31, 2011 -- The Junior League of Summit is pleased to invite local high school seniors to apply for its coveted Shirley Wight Keeney Scholarships. This year the League is offering two \$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The scholarships are open to high school seniors who either reside in, or attend school within, the towns of Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Chatham and Summit.

The scholarships' namesake, Shirley Wight Keeney, was a beloved member of the Junior League of Summit and the Summit community. Ms. Keeney was an active volunteer and truly demonstrated the League's Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through effective action and leadership. Ms. Keeney's volunteer work began when she was as young as a preschooler. At the time, she worked with her mother in the Welfare Branch in the Fortnightly Club helping to deliver food to the ill and those otherwise in need. In her tenure as the President of the Junior League of Summit from 1953-1955, Ms. Keeney led the League as it established the Summit Child Care Center (now the Learning Circle). She served as Executive Secretary for the League for over 25 years and worked in the Second Time Around Thrift Shop up until her passing in April of last year.

Ms. Keeney was recognized in 1989 by the Summit YWCA as being one of five "outstanding Women of the Community." In 1998 Congressman Bob Franks presented Ms. Keeney with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition and Appreciation for her outstanding community contributions.

Interested scholarship candidates should likewise reflect Ms. Keeney's dedication to community service and show significant volunteer work during his or her high school years that align with the League's Mission. Moreover, it is recommended that applicants be in the top third of their graduating class and plan to attend a two or four-year accredited college, university or business/vocational school.

Further information about the Shirley Wight Keeney Scholarship, and applications, are available on the League's website: <https://www.jlsummit.org/?nd=scholarships2011>. Applications are due to the League by March 15, 2011.

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The Junior League of Summit is a nonprofit, charitable and educational organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. For more information about the Junior League of Summit, call the League office at 908-273-7349 or visit www.jlsummit.org.

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