

### JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP FORM

## **Contact Information** Name: Address: Phone: Fmail: Current year in school: Age: **Guardian Information** Parent Name: Parent Phone (Emergency contact): Get Involved - what's your interest? ∇oter Services (Organize debates, register voters) Programs (Find speakers & plan activities) Observer Corps (Attend public hearings, report back) Membership (Recruit & retain members) League Studies/Positions (Research issues, build consensus) Communications/PR (Press releases, newsletter) ☐ Webmaster (Website, social media) Ways & Means (Raise funds, oversee finances) ☐ Hospitality (Plan food & venue)

Action (Advocate on issues)

Other (please specify)

# League of Women Voters of New Canaan & Code of Conduct and Participant Consent Form

Please mail completed Membership Form and signed Code of Conduct and Participant
Consent Form to: LWV of New Canaan, P.O. Box 383, New Canaan, CT 06840 or scan and email to leagueofwomenvotersnc@gmail.com

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#### Our Mission and Roles

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. The goal of the League of Women Voters is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide. LWVNC influences public policy through education and advocacy. We never support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League of Women Voters has two separate and distinct roles.

- Voters Service/Citizen Education: we present unbiased nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues.
- Action/Advocacy: we are also nonpartisan, but, after study, we use our positions to advocate for or against particular policies in the public interest.

Vision, Beliefs, and Intentions: The principles that guide our organization...

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political membership organization which:

- acts after study and member agreement to achieve solutions in the public interest on key community issues at all government levels
- builds citizen participation in the democratic process.
- engages communities in promoting positive solutions to public policy issues through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters Education Fund is a nonpartisan public policy educational organization which:

- builds citizen participation in the democratic process
- studies key community issues at all governmental levels in an unbiased manner
- enables people to seek positive solutions to public policy issues through education and conflict management.

We believe in:

- respect for individuals
- the value of diversity
- the empowerment of the grassroots, both within the League and in communities We will:
- act with trust, integrity and professionalism
- operate in an open and effective manner to meet the needs of those we serve, both members and the public
- take the initiative in seeking diversity in membership
- acknowledge our heritage as we seek our path to the future.

Note: All membership fees are waived for Junior Members, who are non-voting members of the League. Junior Members are invited to volunteer to assist regular members and the Board in furthering the mission of the League, including but not limited to assisting in voter registration, assisting in developing and promoting educational programs around voting and democracy and other activities of the League that are open to regular members.

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#### Student Agreement to Abide by League Mission and Principles

I have read and I understand the above Mission and Principles that guide all members of the League of Women Voters of New Canaan and agree to abide by the principles described above.

I understand that I may be removed as a participant if I do not follow these to the best of my ability. I further understand that in any case in which I make a political act or statement, I will do so personally and will not associate any political act or statement in connection with the League of Women Voters of New Canaan or my membership therein.

Student Participant Signature _	
Date	

#### Parental Consent (For student applicants under age 18)

I have read and understand the above Mission and Principles and agree to support my child in following them and consent to my child in participating in activities of the League. I further understand that in participating in events associated with the League of Women Voters of New Canaan, that photographs or videos may be taken that include my child and agree that LWVNC may use such photos and video to further the publicity and activities of the League.

Parent Signature _	 _
Date	

Welcome to the League of Women Voters of New Canaan!