

# **How to Start & Grow Your JCL Chapter**

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## I. Contact Info for the TSJCL Board & State Chairs

When starting a new JCL chapter, your go-to people when you ask questions should always be the TSJCL board and the State Chairs. Their contact info can be accessed [here](#). The Outreach Coordinator is your point-person for all questions concerning JCL membership, service, and club activity ideas. You can also find critical updates about JCL events such as Area, State, and National conventions from the TSJCL website at [tsjcl.org](http://tsjcl.org), or our social media pages, also linked below.

Contact the state chairs at [chairs@tsjcl.org](mailto:chairs@tsjcl.org), or individually at the email addresses below:

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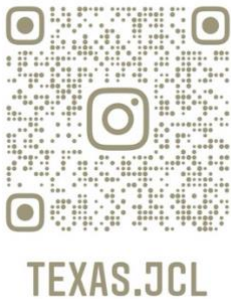
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The Outreach Coordinator facilitates communication between the TSJCL board and the TSJCL members. This position encourages local chapters across Texas to serve others and be involved! Please feel free to contact the Outreach Coordinator with any questions about how to get your local chapter involved in service and the JCL! Check the TSJCL social media accounts and website for updates about service, spirit, and ongoing events.



Instagram: [@texas.jcl](https://www.instagram.com/texas.jcl)

Twitter: [@tsjcl](https://twitter.com/tsjcl)

Facebook: [@tsjcl](https://www.facebook.com/tsjcl)

Snapchat: [@texas.jcl](https://www.snapchat.com/add/texas.jcl)

Website: [www.tsjcl.org](http://www.tsjcl.org)

The Outreach Coordinator updates social media regularly, so watch for opportunities like the NJCL (local) Club of the Month, (local and state) Community Service Project Contest, Creative Writing Contest, and the Local Constitution Contest!

## II. Registration Forms & Information

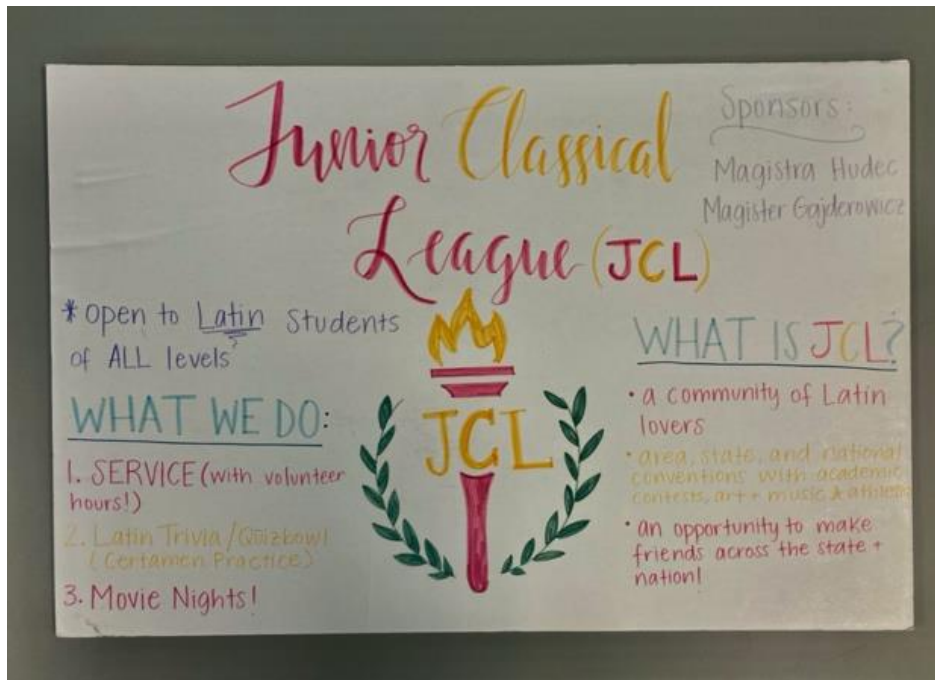
The [Documents](#) page on the TSJCL website hosts all the important forms and information about dues that are required to register a new JCL chapter. Every year, the TSJCL Secretary publishes a Membership Letter and Membership packet including all the necessary logistics of registering for JCL that year. The 2022 Membership packet is linked [here](#) and includes the Membership Letter. You can find the Membership (Join) page of the TSJCL website [here](#). If you would like to get involved with JCL but your school doesn't offer Latin or Greek, you can register as a Member-at-Large, which enables you to attend conventions. Register to be a NJCL Member-at-Large [here](#)!

### III. Potential Promotional Materials for Your JCL Chapter

Promotional materials are essential to getting others to join your JCL chapter, and so, I've included sample JCL poster/flyers below, some designed by our very own TSJCL Editor. You can find more inspiration for JCL posters/flyers by looking at winning JCL posters in the Poster Contest of TSJCL and NJCL.



You can download the sample flyers featured above [here](#).



## IV. Suggestions for JCL Club Activities

Since all JCL conventions occur long after the start of the school year, it can sometimes be hard to encourage JCL participation and hold club meetings months away from Area Convention. So, we've compiled a list of potential ideas for your JCL chapter that are great for spreading the #JCLove!

### A. Resources for Convention

- i. **Academic Tests** → One's first JCL convention can often seem daunting, with all the challenging academic offerings and numerous art categories. However, fear not, because JCL comes together to support fellow JCLers. As a club, consider creating a page or shared drive for past tests, curated Quizlets, study guides, etc. This will help new members feel supported, and hopefully, less nervous for their first convention! The TSJCL hosts an archive of past Area, State and National tests, which is always a good starting place for preparing for the academic contests (linked [here](#)). This past year's TSJCL tests can be found [here](#), on the Documents section of the website.
- ii. **Certamen** → If your JCL chapter is just itching to improve their Certamen chops, the TSJCL hosts an archive of Certamen packets from past TSJCL and NJCL conventions [here](#), which is great resource for Certamen practice during club meetings or a trivia night.
- iii. **Graphic Arts** → These are always a great way to show off you're your JCL chapter has accomplished throughout the year. Consider having a section of the Latin room dedicated to an JCL art showcase to display all the wonderful pieces from the past conventions and to inspire people to make art for upcoming conventions.
- iv. **Creative Arts** → These are often nerve-wracking performances, heavily dependent on memorization and Latin pronunciation. But, perhaps with a few run-throughs during JCL club meetings, the jitters will fall away as everyone bonds over the shared experience.

### B. Potential Activities to do as a JCL Club

#### 1. Fall:

- i. Host a "Welcome Night", where new members can get together to know each other with a themed event such as the Underworld, Labors of Hercules, etc.
- ii. Organize school supply or coat drives
- iii. Celebrate the Ides each month
- iv. Have a Halloween party
- v. Ancient Civilization themed movie night, possibly featuring movies such as Harry Potter, Hercules, etc.

#### 2. Winter:

- i. Have a Secret Santa or gift exchange for the holidays (or for Saturnalia)

- ii. Write thank-you notes to teachers and school staff
- iii. Have Certamen parties (such as Ramen Certamen, Christmas Certamen, etc.)

3. Spring:

- i. Prepare for your state's statewide service project
- ii. Have study sessions or rehearsals for the state convention
- iii. Write letters to cancer patients ([St. Jude](#) has a great program!) or health care workers

4. Summer:

- i. Have an end of school party
- ii. Keep in touch with your club's members and prepare for nationals
- iii. Begin recruiting members for the next school year