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Impact100 Junior Opens Recruitment for High School Girls

New youth collective giving initiative introduces high school girls to the power of philanthropy and connects them with local nonprofits

Louisville, KY - Impact100 Junior, a student-run collective giving initiative for high school girls grades 9-12, is now recruiting new members for the 2025 – 2026 school year's grant-making cycle. The philanthropic organization, which raises funds to donate to a local nonprofit organization its members identify, is seeking girls from across the city who want to make a difference in the community, gain leadership experience, and understand grant-making and philanthropy in Louisville. They will host their kickoff meeting on September 21st.

Founded in 2023 and led by enterprising high school girls, Impact100 Junior is modeled on the Impact100 collective giving model, and designed to introduce the next generation of women to the power of philanthropy. Each year, Impact100 Junior recruits high school girls to each donate \$103 (\$100 plus Venmo fees) to create an Impact Grant for a local nonprofit. The youth-run group reviews grant applications from education-focused organizations that have previously applied to and been vetted by Impact100 Louisville, thus requiring no additional work from the nonprofits. Selected finalists are presented to the Impact100 Junior membership who vote and award one unrestricted grant. Impact100 Junior also connects its members with local nonprofit service opportunities to help further foster their passion for philanthropy.

Since the group's inception in 2023, girls from six schools have given away a total of \$4,500 to their selected non-profits, Breakthrough Louisville and Girls 4 Girls. Both organizations align with Impact100 Junior's focus on enhancing girls' access to education, mentoring, and leadership.

Throughout the year, Impact100 Junior will host a variety of social and service events where high school girls can meet other girls who are a part of, or interested in being a part of, Impact Junior. Its student leadership team will organize at least one event per month from September to March, during which the members will have the opportunity to earn service hours, learn about philanthropy and grant-making, and explore leadership roles on various committees.

New members will continue to be accepted until February 2026, when the group will vote to select which nonprofit will be the recipient of the money raised from this year's membership. Impact100 Junior will present a check to this year's winning organization in March 2026.

According to Sabine Friedman, co-chair of Membership at Impact100 Junior, and a senior at Manual, "Impact100 Junior is the high school version of Impact100 Louisville, a women's philanthropic organization that has donated over \$2.5 million to local nonprofits. If you are a high school girl who wants to learn more about philanthropy, engage in your community, and help local nonprofits, we would love to have you in Impact Junior!"

Please follow @Impact100Junior on Instagram or visit <u>Junior - Impact 100 Louisville</u> for updates and information. If you know a high school girl who may be interested in joining the Impact100 Junior sisterhood, please have her <u>fill out an interest form</u> or reach out on Instagram to get more information about the kickoff meeting.

About Impact100 Global

Impact100 Global is a collective force for good; uniting and empowering women to give together, creating transformational impact, locally and globally. With more than 70 chapters around the world, Impact100 Global has given away more than \$140 million collectively since granting its first Impact Awards in 2002.