



## ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars 2021 LA GEAR UP / LFOS Student Application

Northwestern State's ADVANCE Program is pleased to announce that we will again partner with the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Field Outreach Services (LFOS) and Louisiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (LA GEAR UP) in 2021! Students who attend schools that are contracted with LA GEAR UP or LFOS may be eligible to participate in ADVANCE. The counselor at your child's school will be able to verify this information for you.

### Instructions for Completing the LA GEAR UP or LFOS ADVANCE Program Student Application

1. Before applying, be certain your child has no other summer commitments during July 4 - 24, 2021.
2. Use this application (not the link titled "Online Application" on our website) if you will apply on behalf of your child to be considered by LA GEAR UP or LFOS for sponsorship.
3. Follow these steps to complete the fillable PDF student application:
  - a. Save the PDF on your computer now.
  - b. Close and reopen the saved PDF.
  - c. Complete the form via your computer.
  - d. Resave the PDF after completing the form.
  - e. Print the PDF before closing the form.
  - f. Sign and date where required on page 4.
4. If you prefer to print the form and complete it by hand (instead of via your computer), please write legibly.
5. The following **required academic documents** must be submitted to the ADVANCE office before an applicant may be accepted to the program:
  - a. A copy of the applicant's most recent report card.
  - b. A copy of the applicant's most recent LEAP scores. Many schools provide LEAP scores on school transcripts. If your child's scores have been misplaced, you may submit a transcript to the ADVANCE office. Click this link, <http://advance.nsula.edu/eligibility/>, and read the Admissions Policy.

### How to Submit Application and Academic Documents

Submit the application and academic documents by one of the following methods:

**By Mail:** ADVANCE Program  
NSU Box 5671  
Natchitoches, LA 71497

**By Email:** Scan the application and academic documents to make a PDF. Attach the PDF in an email it to [palmerh@nsula.edu](mailto:palmerh@nsula.edu).  
Note: A school employee (counselor, teacher, administrative assistant) may help you scan the application and academic documents to make a PDF and attach them in an email.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How do I contact someone at the ADVANCE Program office?

Anyone may call 318-357-4500, email [palmerh@nsula.edu](mailto:palmerh@nsula.edu), or visit our website, <http://advance.nsula.edu>, for information.

#### When will I know if I am accepted to ADVANCE?

Acceptance emails will be sent within two weeks of our office receiving the application and required academic documents.

#### What happens if I do not provide the required academic documents with my application?

The application is not complete, nor will the applicant be placed in a class or the program, until ADVANCE receives the academic documents.

#### What if NSU has to cancel the ADVANCE Program due to Covid-19?

If Covid-19 forces Northwestern State University (NSU) to cancel the ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars (ADVANCE) residential program prior to the start date, all enrolled students will be given the option to transition to an online format at a reduced tuition rate of \$1,000 or receive a refund for payments they have made toward the cost of the program. We hope vaccinations allow NSU to offer an on-campus program.



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2021 LA GEAR UP - LFOS Student Application**

**General Information**

Program Dates: July 4 - 24, 2021 (Be certain your child has no other summer commitments during these dates.)

\*Application and Payment Deadline: April 26, 2021 (applicants currently in grades 7 - 11)  
\*Note: Early applicants increase their class preference.

Required academic documents that must be submitted with the application:

- a. A copy of the applicant's most recent report card.
- b. A copy of the applicant's most recent state standardized test scores (LEAP). If scores have been misplaced, many schools provide that information on school transcripts, and transcripts may be submitted. Click this link, <http://advance.nsula.edu/eligibility>, to learn more.

Has the student attended ADVANCE before?  Yes  No

If yes, when?  2017  2018  2019  2020

**Applicant Information (Complete application using your computer.)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's full name (first, middle, last) mm/dd/yyyy

\_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female  Prefer not to specify  
Name student is called

Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Student's cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's home phone number Student's cell phone number

Student's Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, City, State, Zip

Student's email address \_\_\_\_\_ Note: Students, please add palmerh@nsula.edu to your email contact list so our emails to you do not get routed to junk mail.

T-shirt Size: **Adult**  Small  Medium  Large  X-Large  XX-Large  XXX-Large  
**Youth**  Medium  Large  X-Large

Ethnic Background (optional):  American Indian/Alaskan Native  Asian or Pacific Islander  
 Black/African American (Non-Hispanic)  Hispanic  
 White (Non-Hispanic)  Other / prefer not to specify

## Household Information

**Primary Contact**       Mother       Father       Guardian

Does the student live with this parent or guardian?       Yes       No

Is this the best mailing address for the student?       Yes       No

Primary contact's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary contact's full name (Specify Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Dr. and provide first, middle, last names)

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, City, State, Zip

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact's email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Add palmerh@nsula.edu to your email contact list so our emails to you do not get routed to junk mail.

**Secondary Contact**       Mother       Father       Guardian

Does the student live with this parent or guardian?       Yes       No

Is this the best mailing address for the student?       Yes       No

Secondary contact's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary contact's full name (Specify Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Dr. and provide first, middle, last names)

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, City, State, Zip

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary contact's email address \_\_\_\_\_  
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## School Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
School attending 2020-2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade level 2020-2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
School mailing Address, City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
School phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
School District

Public       Non-Public

## Health Information

In order that we may better facilitate the student's needs, please inform us of any physical or emotional problems if applicable. Explain briefly or email additional information to [palmerh@nsula.edu](mailto:palmerh@nsula.edu). Please note if the student takes medication, has food allergies, dietary restrictions, or is a vegetarian.

## Recruitment Information

How did you hear about ADVANCE?

Specify: Direct mailing to your home, Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Another Student, Relative, Other

## Alphabetical List of Courses

Applicants may identify up to five courses they are interested in and rank them by typing #1, #2, et cetera in front of the course name. Rank course from most preferred (#1) to least preferred (#5). We encourage applicants to rank as many courses as they are willing to take as this gives them the best possible chance of participating in our upcoming program. However, each course ranked represents a commitment on the applicant's part. Applicants are advised not to rank a course they are unwilling to take at ADVANCE. When reading course descriptions online, applicants and their parents should pay particular attention to course prerequisites to determine if the applicant is eligible to take a course they select.

Note: Applicants will take one course during the three-week program, and early applicants increase their class preference.

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| _____ Algebra 1                                | _____ *Geometry                              |
| _____ *Algebra 2                               | _____ Marvel Comics and Film Studies         |
| _____ Architecture: From Building to Biosphere | _____ Mythology                              |
| _____ *+Biology                                | _____ *Physics                               |
| _____ *+Chemistry                              | _____ Psychology - Brain and Behavior Buffet |
| _____ The Constitutional Convention            | _____ *Python Programming                    |
| _____ Creative Writing                         | _____ *Think Like an Engineer                |

**\*Course has prerequisite**

**+Course has additional \$50.00 lab fee**

Several ADVANCE Program classes have prerequisites. If the applicant has taken one of the courses listed below, type the year the course was taken after the name of the course. Do not indicate that the applicant has taken a course if he or she has not done so.

Algebra 1 \_\_\_\_\_      Geometry \_\_\_\_\_      Algebra 2 \_\_\_\_\_      Trigonometry \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Science \_\_\_\_\_      Biology \_\_\_\_\_      Computer Literacy \_\_\_\_\_      Typing/Keyboard \_\_\_\_\_  
Computer Programming \_\_\_\_\_ (specify computer language/s \_\_\_\_\_)

## Authorization and Signature

I, the undersigned, declare that I am the parent / guardian of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Applicant's full name (first, middle, last)

This applicant is a minor. I give my permission for the applicant to participate in Northwestern State University's ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars, a summer residential program. I realize that participation may involve off campus day trips and voluntary participation in activities and/or athletic events.

Printed name of parent / guardian completing application \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's full name (first, middle, last)

Signature of parent / guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Print the application now, and save it on your computer for future reference.
2. Sign, date, and submit the application to the ADVANCE office.
3. Submit academic documentation to complete the application. Click this link, <http://advance.nsula.edu/eligibility/>, to learn more.

*Northwestern State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, age, pregnancy or parenting status, and veteran or retirement status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Additionally, Northwestern complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy & Campus Crime Statistics Act. Information about Northwestern's campus security and crime statistics can be found at <https://www.nsula.edu/universityaffairs/police/>.*