

ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars - 2021 Student Application

Instructions for Completing the Student Application

1. This is a fillable PDF of the student application. Save the PDF on your computer now. Reopen the saved PDF and complete it via your computer.
2. Print, sign, and date the application.
3. Required 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. 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.
4. Payment of the nonrefundable \$50 application fee may be made by one of these methods:
 - a. If paying by personal check, money order, or cashier's check, make it payable to NSU's ADVANCE Program.
 - b. Other forms of payment accepted by Northwestern State include American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa (including check cards).
 - c. If paying by credit card by mail, print, complete and mail the payment form (last page) to the ADVANCE office with the required documents.
5. Submit the application, nonrefundable \$50 application fee, and required documents by one of the following methods:

<u>Mail:</u> ADVANCE Program NSU Box 5671 Natchitoches, LA 71497	<u>Ship:</u> ADVANCE Program 175 Sam Sibley Dr Suite 5671 Natchitoches, LA 71457	<u>Email:</u> palmerh@nsula.edu (Scan and attach all required documents.)
--	---	--

Frequently Asked Questions

When will I know if I am accepted to ADVANCE?

You will receive an acceptance email within two weeks of our office receiving your application, \$50.00 application fee, and academic documentation.

If I am accepted to ADVANCE, when is the non-refundable \$400 enrollment deposit due?

The enrollment deposit is due within two weeks of our office sending you an acceptance email. Note: Financial aid applicants will wait to pay their enrollment deposit within five days of accepting their financial aid offer.

Is the nonrefundable \$400 enrollment deposit applied to my total balance due?

Yes. Your balance will be decreased by \$400 when the enrollment deposit is paid.

When is my remaining balance due?

April 26, 2021 is the due date for all remaining balances.

What does the tuition cover?

Tuition covers room, board, instructional costs, supplies, and most activities.

Is there a way to make payments online?

Yes. Anyone may make online payments through a secure website by typing this URL in their internet browser:
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/TIPADVPM>

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 I need financial aid to attend ADVANCE?

Parents must submit the 2021 Student Application first and then submit a separate 2021 Financial Aid Application with applicable financial documents. Click here, <http://advance.nsula.edu/financial-aid/>, and carefully follow the directions. The Student and Financial Aid Applications, and all required academic and financial documents, are due in the ADVANCE office on or before the April 5, 2021 (by 11:59 PM) financial aid deadline.

Does ADVANCE offer more than one session?

No. ADVANCE offers one session, and the dates are July 4 – 24, 2021.

Do I get a discount if a brother or sister attend ADVANCE?

Yes. Each sibling will receive a \$250 discount.

What if NSU has to cancel ADVANCE 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 our traditional on-campus program.



General Information

Program Dates: July 4 - 24, 2021

Tuition: \$2,750 plus \$50 application fee (Some course carry an additional \$50 laboratory fee.)

*Application and Payment Deadlines: April 26, 2021 (applicants currently in grades 7 - 11)

*Note: Early applicants increase their class preference. Late applications will be considered, with full payment, as classroom and dorm space permits.

Financial Aid Application Deadline: April 5, 2021 at 11:59 PM.

Should parents want to apply for financial aid on their child's behalf, they must first submit the 2021 Student Application and required academic documents. Parents must then submit a separate Financial Aid Application with applicable financial documents. Click http://advance.nsula.edu/financial-aid/ and carefully follow directions.

Does the student intend to apply for financial aid? [] Yes [] No

Submit Documents: Submit the application, application fee, and required academic documents (To learn more, click http://advance.nsula.edu/eligibility/ and read the Admissions Policy) by one of these methods:

Mail: ADVANCE Program NSU Box 5671 Natchitoches, LA 71497
Ship: ADVANCE Program 175 Sam Sibley Dr Suite 5671 Natchitoches, LA 71457
Email: palmerh@nsula.edu (scan and attach all required documents)

Has the student attended ADVANCE before? [] Yes [] No If yes, when? [] 2017 [] 2018 [] 2019 [] 2020

Applicant Information

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

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 _____
Add palmerh@nsula.edu to your email contact list so our emails to you do not get routed to junk mail.

School Information

School attending 2020-2021

Grade level 2020-2021

School mailing address (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. 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 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 the 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.

_____ 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

Prerequisite Information: Several courses 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 or 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 or guardian completing application _____
Parent or Guardian's full name (first, middle, last)

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

1. Resave the application now.
2. Print the application.
3. Sign, date, and submit the application to the ADVANCE office.
4. 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/>.

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY - ADVANCE PROGRAM FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS
PAYMENT FORM

*Payments, including the \$50 application fee, \$400 enrollment deposit, and remaining balance, are nonrefundable.

**Note: 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.*

Payment may be made by one of the following methods:

Online: Anyone may make payments through a secure website by typing this URL in their internet browser:

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/TIPADVPM>

By mail: Print, sign, and date the form.
Mail the form and application to: ADVANCE Program
NSU Box 5671
Natchitoches, LA 71497

By telephone: Call 318-357-4500 and provide the information below.

Payment is being made for which student? _____
Student's full name (first, middle, last) for whom payment is being made.

Cardholder's Information

Charge my: American Express Discover MasterCard Visa

in the amount of \$ _____

The form cannot be processed without the amount. If using a credit card or check card, make sure this amount does not exceed your daily limit.

Credit card account number: _____ Expiration date: _____

CVV2# _____

(This is 3 digits printed on the signature strip of a Discover, MasterCard, or Visa. Or, 4 digits printed on the front of an American Express card.)

Cardholder's printed name (as it appears on the card): _____

Cardholder's billing address: _____
Address, City, State, Zip

Cardholder's daytime phone number: _____ Cardholder's cell phone number: _____

Cardholder's email address: _____

I authorize Northwestern State University (NSU) to charge the above amount to my credit card account:

Cardholder's signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Payment will not be posted to the student's balance until the credit card transaction is authorized by NSU's contracted payment processing center.