



**ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars**  
**July 5 - 25, 2020**  
**2020 LOSFA or LA GEAR UP ADVANCE Student Application**

ADVANCE is pleased to announce that we will again partner with the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) and Louisiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (LA GEAR UP) in 2020! Students who attend schools that are contracted with LOSFA or LA GEAR UP 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 LOSFA or LA GEAR UP ADVANCE Program Student Application

1. Before applying, be certain your child has no other summer commitments during the dates of July 5 - 25, 2020.
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 LOSFA or LA GEAR UP for funding.
3. This is a fillable PDF of the LOSFA or LA GEAR UP student application. Type responses using your computer.
4. **SAVE THE APPLICATION** when complete or the information will be lost.
5. Sign and date where required.
  - a. If you can sign/date electronically using your computer, do so and **SAVE THE APPLICATION AGAIN**.
  - b. If you cannot sign/date electronically using your computer, print the saved application. Then sign/date the application.
  - c. If you print the signed application, you may submit it by one of the following methods (see email information in next section):
    1. Scan the application to make a PDF, and attach the PDF in an email.
    2. If you cannot scan the application, ask a school official to scan the application to make a PDF and then attach the PDF in an email.
    3. Take clear pictures of pages 1 - 4 (but not this page) with your phone. Pictures should be emailed as "Actual Size".
6. 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 standardized test scores (ACT, Aspire, Explore, Plan, SAT, or PSAT).
    1. If the applicant has not taken one of the above standardized tests, or if the applicant's scores do not meet the eligibility criteria for ADVANCE, the applicant must apply through our Alternate Admissions Policy.
    2. To learn more about the Eligibility scores and our Alternate Admissions Policy, visit <http://advance.nsula.edu>, click on "Eligibility" in the menu box, and scroll beneath the chart.
  - c. A copy of the applicant's 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.

### How to Submit Application and Academic Documents

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

Mail: ADVANCE Program

NSU Box 5671

Natchitoches, LA 71497

Email: [palmerh@nsula.edu](mailto:palmerh@nsula.edu)

(Scan and attach all required documents in an email.)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What if I, my child, or a school official has questions about NSU's ADVANCE Program?

Anyone may call our office, 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 don't provide the required academic documents with my application?

The applicant will not be placed in the program or a class. The application is not complete until our office receives the academic documents.

#### Does ADVANCE offer more than one session?

No. ADVANCE offers one session, and the dates are July 5 – 25, 2020. Be sure your child is available to attend during these dates before applying.



General Information

Program Dates: July 5 - 25, 2020 (Be certain your child has no other summer commitments during these dates.)

Application and Payment Deadline: April 10, 2020 (applicants currently in grades 8 - 11)
May 20, 2020 (applicants currently in grade 7)

Has the student participated in a Duke UniversityTalent Identification Program (Duke TIP) Search? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, when (specify 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020)? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student qualify for ADVANCE with his/her SAT, PSAT, ACT, Explore, Aspire, or Plan scores? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If not, click on this link, http://advance.nsula.edu/eligibility, and scroll beneath the chart. Then submit all required documents for our Alternate Admissions Policy.

Has the student attended a Duke TIP summer program at another university? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Has the student attended ADVANCE before? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, when (specify 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Information (Complete application using your computer.)

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

Gender: [ ] Male [ ] Female [ ] Prefer not to specify
Name student is called

Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Student's cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_
Area code and home phone number Area code and cell phone number

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_
Street or Rural Route, City, State, Zip

Student's email address \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: Adult (specify Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large, XXX-Large) \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (specify 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

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

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Rural Route, City, State, Zip

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

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Area code and daytime phone number                      Area code and cell phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

**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

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

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Rural Route, City, State, Zip

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

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Area code and daytime phone number                      Area code and cell phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

**School Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Attending **2019-2020**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade level **2019-2020**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code    School phone number

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

Public     Non-Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Attending **2020-2021** (if different from above)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code    School phone number

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

Public     Non-Public

## Health Information

In order that we may better facilitate the student's needs, are there physical or emotional problems that we should know about? If yes, explain briefly or email additional information to [palmerh@nsula.edu](mailto:palmerh@nsula.edu). Please note if the student takes medication, has food allergies, or is a vegetarian.

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## Recruitment Information

How did you hear about ADVANCE?

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Specify Direct mailing to your home, Teacher, Guidance Counselor, TIP Recognition Ceremony, Another Student, Relative, Other

## Course Offerings

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.

### Alphabetical Listing of Courses

(Applicants will take one course during the three-week program, and early applicants increase their chances of course preference.)

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|---|---|
| _____ Algebra 1   | _____ *Geometry                               |
| _____ *Algebra 2  | _____ Marvel Comics - The People's Literature |
| _____ *+Biology   | _____ Mythology                               |
| _____ *+Chemistry                                       | _____ *Physics                                |
| _____ The Constitutional Convention                     | _____ Psychology of the Criminal Mind         |
| _____ Creative Writing                                  | _____ *Python Programming                     |
| _____ +Criminalistics/Forensic Science: An Introduction | _____ *Think Like an Engineer                 |
| _____ Film Studies                                      |   |

**\*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 Primary Contact/Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Applicant's Name (First, Middle, Last)

a minor, give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in  
Applicant's Name (First, Middle, Last)

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Primary Contact/Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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