The Scholars’ College is a special place. We offer an outstanding honors education that prepares our students for their futures, but we offer so much more: We attract a dynamic group of students who care about each other and who look forward each year to the addition of new members to the Scholars’ family. We help students find research and internship opportunities to support what they learn in the classroom. We encourage involvement in the hundreds of organizations on campus. We provide in-depth advising to help students find their niche and develop their career goals. And with all of this, there is still something special about Scholars’ that cannot be put into words.

Come see for yourself if this is the right place for you.

Dr. T. Davina McClain, Scholars’ College Director & Associate Professor of the Classics
Beyond the Classroom

Scholars’ and Organizations
Scholars’ students participate in Student Government, fraternities, sororities, honor societies and the hundreds of other student groups on campus.

From day one Scholars’ builds leadership skills by encouraging you to participate in class and facilitate discussions. Those skills have provided me with the motivation not only to get involved in campus organizations but also to hold leadership positions in them.

—Alyssa Poirrier ’11

Scholars’ and Athletics
Scholars’ students compete on the women's soccer team, the football team, in track and cross country, baseball, tennis, Demon Dodgeball and crew.

What truly sets apart the Louisiana Scholars’ College is the dedication, support, companionship, and commitment to your development, not only as a student, but as a human being, from all the students and professors alike.

—Mark Springer ’11
Scholars’ and Music
Scholars’ students perform in the choirs, band, orchestra, and multiple ensembles.

Scholars’ is the best of both worlds, because it offers small classes and a close-knit network of students and professors, and it’s located on a larger campus, where you can participate in the student/community symphony or any extracurricular activities at NSU.

—Christina Lake ’11

Scholars’ and their Future
Scholars’ College students succeed in graduate and professional schools and their careers.

What will we be able to tell others about you?
Concentrations within the Scholars’ College:

- Fine and Performing Arts (theatre, art, music)
- Foreign Languages (Latin, Spanish, French, and Greek)
- History and Philosophy of Science (medical/pharmacy/vet school, science research, science education)
- Humanities and Social Thought (history, English, and more)
- Mass Communications (communications, public relations, journalism)
- Scientific Inquiry (medical/pharmacy/vet school, science research, science education)

Joint majors:

The College of Science, Technology, and Business

- Accounting
- Biology with concentrations in
  - Biomedical
  - Natural Science
  - Applied Biology
  - Forensics
- Business Administration with optional concentrations in
  - Finance
  - Management
  - Marketing
- Computer Information Systems

The College of Education

- English Education
  (Math and Social Sciences in progress)
- Elementary Education

The College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies, and Research

- English with a concentration in
  - Literature
  - Professional Writing
  - Folklore
- Fine and Graphic Arts
  - Graphic Communication
  - Studio Art
- History
- Music
  - Performance
  - Sacred Music
  - Music Education
- Psychology
- Theater
  - Design/Technology
  - Performance/Directing
  - Musical Theater Performance
  - Dance Performance

The College of Nursing

- Honors Concentration
Undergraduate Core Curriculum

The following courses provide the Core Curriculum for the Scholars’ College:
- Texts and Traditions I-IV
- Democratic Vistas
- Critical Reading/Critical Writing
- Mathematics
- Orientation
- Sciences
- Science Seminar
- Foreign Language
- Senior Colloquium

The Goal of the Scholars’ College Curriculum

The Scholars’ College has three complementary/intertwined goals as its mission:

1. Respond to the educational needs of students who seek a challenge, who think outside the box, and who want to express their views and insights in respectful debate with their peers and professors.

2. Provide an affordable alternative to private liberal arts colleges and universities by offering smaller classes, low student-to-teacher ratios, a faculty who have all obtained the PhD in their areas of expertise, and a personalized academic career in which students have the opportunity to shape their degree plans to meet their professional and personal goals.

3. Ensure that all students obtain a broad education in critical thinking, critical writing, and the critical reading of texts in the arts, humanities, sciences, and technical fields. Today’s global economy and global information network demands a new “worldliness” of students: that is, they must understand the global past to succeed in the present and to shape the future to be a place of dialogue, respect, and humanity.

—Randall J. Webb, President
THE LOUISIANA SCHOLARS' COLLEGE
at Northwestern State University of Louisiana
The State's Designated Honors College in the Liberal Arts and Sciences

Application for Admission and Scholarships
(or apply on-line at http://recruiting.nsula.edu/scholars--college)
A $20.00 fee must accompany the application ($30.00 for international students).

Semester Entering: _____Fall _____Spring Year: ________ _____Freshman _____Transfer Student

PERSONAL DATA

1. Name:  __________________________________________________________
   LAST NAME    FIRST NAME    MIDDLE NAME    MAIDEN

2. Address:  _______________________________________________________
   STREET OR POST OFFICE BOX    CITY STATE    ZIP CODE    PARISH OR COUNTY

3. Telephone:   ______________________

4. Email Address:  ______________________

5. Date of birth   ____/____/_____


7. Are you a legal resident of Louisiana?   _____Yes _____No

8. Marital Status:   _____Single   _____Married   _____   Other__________

9. Are you a veteran?   _____Yes _____No   •   If yes, are you eligible for benefits?   _____Yes _____No

10. Sex:   _____Male   _____Female

The following information is optional:

11. Ethnic Origin:   ___Asian/Pacific Islander ___Native American ___Black, Non-Hispanic ___Hispanic ___Caucasian ___Other____________

12. Religious Preference _____________________________________________

EDUCATIONAL DATA

13. High School Graduation:  Date of Graduation   ____/____/
   Name/Location of High School _______________________________________

Out-of-state students must send an official transcript to the Scholars' College. In-state students are encouraged to send at least an
unofficial transcript to the Scholars' College.

14. Have you taken the ACT or SAT?   _____Yes _____No   •   Date Taken   ____/____/_____
   month   day   year

If you did not report your ACT/SAT scores to NSU when you took the test, you must obtain from your school or from NSU an ACT/SAT
additional report form. NSU's ACT score report code number is 1600. NSU's SAT score report code is 6492. Only official score reports will
be used to satisfy admission requirements.

15. List all other secondary schools you have attended, beginning with the ninth grade. Include summer schools and summer programs.
   Name of School   City/State   Dates Attended
   ___________________________________________________________________
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16. College History: have you taken any college courses?   _____Yes _____No

If yes, list all the colleges and universities you have attended, including Northwestern, starting with the most recent college.
   College or University   City/State   Dates Attended Hours   Earned/Degrees Earned
   ___________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________
17. Have you ever been suspended or dismissed from any college or university for scholastic or disciplinary reasons? _____Yes _____No

If yes, give the name of institution, date, and reason for this action. ______________________________________________________________________________________

18. Have you visited the Northwestern campus? ____Yes  ____No   Date_____/_____/_____

Did you visit the Scholars’ College? ____Yes  ____No

19. How did you hear about the Louisiana Scholars’ College?  ______________________________________________________________________________________

20. Have you already submitted an application to Northwestern State University?   ____Yes  ____No

RESUME

21. Submit a resume which includes the following:

- Anticipated Major
- Academic Honors
- Extracurricular and Community Activities
- Work Experience

THE ESSAY

22. Please type your essay and attach it to your application. Include your name on the top left corner of each sheet. Please submit one of the following:

- In an essay of 500 to 1,000 words, please compare and contrast yourself to a fictional character from a novel of substantial literary value you have read in the last 2 years.
- Submit an academic paper, preferably 500 to 1,000 words, from one of your classes including the name of the class, teacher’s name, high school and contact phone number for the teacher.

FINANCIAL AID and SCHOLARSHIPS

IMPORTANT: The Scholars’ College accepts all approved federal applications for financial aid. Preferred deadline for Scholars’ College and NSU scholarships is October 31 or December 1. The state of Louisiana requires applications for state aid (TAP, LHS, and T.H. Harris) to be filed by April 1. The preferred deadline for filing for federal aid is May 1.

23. I am applying for financial aid based on demonstrated need. _____Yes _____No

24. My federal financial aid form, ________________________________, was/will be filed ____________________________.

    NAME OF FORM                    DATE

25. I wish to be considered for scholarships. _____Yes _____No

26. I certify, if applicable, that I have registered or will register with the selective service.

I certify that the information given above is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to provide complete and accurate information can lead to rejection of this application or suspension from the Scholars’ College with loss of any credits earned and fees paid.

_________________________________________________________________________________                  _______________________________
    SIGNATURE                                         DATE

Please mail or fax to: The Office of University Recruiting 800-838-2208
Northwestern State University 318-357-4578
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497 318-357-5567 (Fax)
THE LOUISIANA SCHOLARS' COLLEGE
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Recommendation Form

☐ TEACHER  ☐ GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

APPLICANT: Please complete the personal data portion and deliver to your guidance counselor or teacher.

This form may be completed online at http://recruiting.nsula.edu/scholars-college.

STUDENT DATA

_________________________________________________
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Name: ____________________________________________
LAST NAME    FIRST NAME    MIDDLE NAME

Home Address: ______________________________________
STREET OR POST OFFICE BOX    CITY    STATE    ZIP CODE

Telephone Number: (__________)_______________________ Email Address: _______________________________________________________
AREA CODE

APPLICANT: I ______do ______ do not waiver my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Louisiana Scholars' College is the state's designated honors college for the liberal arts and sciences. Through our selective admissions policy, we seek to identify students whose unusual commitment to learning will enable them to benefit from a demanding course of study.

The student whose name appears above is seeking admission to the College. We ask that you provide us with any information likely to be of value in guiding our decision. We welcome information that will help us to distinguish this student from others and are grateful for your time and assistance.

I. How long and in what capacity have you known this student? __________________________________________

II. Which academic subjects have you taught to this student? _________________________________________

III. Recommendation: Using the form on the reverse side, please give us your opinion of this student's potential. Additional comments are welcome and may be submitted in the space provided or in an attached letter.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: ____________________________________________ Email Address: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________
SCHOOL    STREET OR POST OFFICE BOX
_________________________________________________
CITY    STATE    ZIP CODE

Telephone Number: (__________)_______________________ Fax Number: ____________________________________________
AREA CODE

_________________________________________   ______________________________
SIGNATURE   DATE

Please mail or fax to:  The Office of University Recruiting
Northwestern State University
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497
800-838-2208
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318-357-5567 (Fax)
RANKS

In comparison with other college-bound students you have taught or advised, please rate this candidate in the following areas:

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**SUMMARY EVALUATION**

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Study Abroad and Internships

- **The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)** allows students to apply to and enroll in one of several hundred academic programs in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Through the Exchange, students pay their regular tuition and fees and are able to use all of their financial aid and scholarships, while attending the university of their choice abroad!! Scholars’ students have used ISEP to study in Japan, South Africa, Spain, France, Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, and England.

- **The National Student Exchange Program (NSEP)** allows students to experience “domestic” study abroad: students apply to one of the universities across the United States that participates in NSEP and study there for a semester or a year. This program is a great way to experience a different part of the country, take courses that may not be offered at one’s home university, or explore a school that is of interest for graduate school.

- **Internships** are a great way to enhance your Scholars’ education and begin exploring your career options. Students in the Scholars’ College have interned with the Louisiana Biomedical Research Network, the Santa Fe Opera Company, the Louisiana Center for Women and Government, Texas! (the Summer Musical Drama in Palo Duro Canyon), the Lafayette Mental Health Center, and the LSU Health Science Center in Shreveport.

Not only has the Louisiana Scholars’ College prepared me for graduate school, but the faculty’s constant assistance and encouragement has also allowed me to gain real work experience and training through applying for and being chosen for nationally-competitive internships. This combination of internships and the Scholars’ curriculum has allowed me to create my own degree to help prepare me for a career in arts administration.

—Joshua Nuss ’11

Regarding “studying abroad”, one tends to classify such as experience as exciting, challenging, and a great achievement. While defining it as “life changing” seems the typical response, it is also one of the truest definitions you can offer. But when you get right down to it, reaching a lifelong goal, no matter what it is, will always be life-changing. For me, fulfilling the dream I’ve had since I was 10 years old to study abroad in Japan was a truly life changing experience. However, one of my first thank-yous has to be directed towards the Scholars’ community, because they really hold open the doors to life-changing opportunities. Thanks to the support in this great establishment, my greatest accomplishment has been attending university in Tokyo for one full year of intensive language study, so what will yours be?

—Elizabeth Williamson ’11
The Faculty of the Louisiana Scholars’ College

The Scholars’ College faculty have earned their PhDs in subjects ranging from chemistry to English to foreign languages. As teachers and mentors, the faculty are dedicated to the academic and personal success of the students.

I’ve taught in several institutions of higher education across the U.S. and I can honestly say that there is no other college or university that can offer this quality of education for this price.
—Dr. S. Holly Stave, Professor of English

After teaching at four institutions of higher education in three states, including Duke University, before joining the LSC faculty, I can honestly say that LSC students are, as a group, the most talented and motivated students I have had the pleasure to teach.
—Dr. Curt Phifer, Professor of Biology

Choosing LSC was easily the best decision I have ever made. I have received personal attention from my professors while learning in a very unique manner. In addition, I have also had the opportunity to be involved in several committees and activities on campus which has made my entire experience at NSU one of a kind.
—Yaser Elqutub ’12

The faculty is caring and responsive and also focused on individual student needs. I knew when I came to the Scholars’ College that I wanted to be a professor, but after being a part of the College, I learned so much about how to be an effective teacher and mentor.
—Dr. William Broussard ’00
Associate Director of Athletics and Assistant Professor
Costs
The most up-to-date information on tuition and fees can be found at http://registrar.nsula.edu/tuition-fees. These figures are based on full-time attendance. Room and board costs are based on your selection of housing and meal plans.

Scholarships
Northwestern State University and the Louisiana Scholars’ College award a variety of scholarship packages each academic year. Scholarships are awarded to degree-seeking students who are enrolled, or who intend to enroll, at LSC/NSU. Scholarships are placed in two categories: academic/leadership scholarships and performance scholarships.

Academic/leadership scholarship are based on a combination of standardized test scores (ACT or SAT), high school grade point average, rank in class, and participation in extracurricular activities.

To receive the best award package, students should apply in time to meet the University’s OCTOBER 31st or DECEMBER 1st priority scholarship deadlines. Awards include both traditional scholarships and work-study assignments.

Louisiana Scholars’ College Scholarship
This four-year scholarship is the most prestigious award offered by Northwestern State University. The criteria are as follows:
- 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- 28 or higher on the ACT or 1260 or higher on SAT.
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA each semester
- Maintain full-time enrollment status in the Scholars’ College

Out-of-State Fee Waivers
Non-Louisiana residents may apply for an out-of-state fee waiver. Most students meeting the admissions standards for the Louisiana Scholars’ College are eligible for a fee waiver.

Financial Aid
To determine eligibility for state, federal or University financial assistance, the student must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form can be obtained on the internet at www.fafsa.edu.gov or from any high school or college. For any further questions, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid office at (800) 823-3008.
Campus Housing and Dining Services

Scholars’ College students are housed in a designated section at the University Place, the newest addition to University’s housing options. This suite-style accommodation includes the following amenities: furnished living room & bedroom, unlimited local & long distance telephone service, high-speed internet, and a kitchenette equipped with a mini-refrigerator, microwave and counter area. The property also includes:

• Outdoor swimming pool
• Student lounge and study area
• Clubhouse with full kitchen

All of our housing options include laundry facilities and basic cable!

NSU provides specially designed dining options at our full service dining facilities. For more information and to choose a meal plan, check us out on the web at http://www.nsuladining.com/.

The University of Louisiana System requires all students under 21 to live on campus. Exceptions to living on campus are granted only to those students who submit an appeal and are approved to live off campus.

To reserve a room, complete and submit the lease for On-Campus Residence along with the $175.00, $75 of which is a nonrefundable processing fee. For more information contact, University Place at (318) 214-5400 or check us out online at www.campushousing.com/nsula.

Disability Service

Students requiring assistance or special accommodations are invited to meet with our coordinator of Disability Services. For more information, call (318) 357-6950 or email universitycollege@nsula.edu.
Admission Criteria
The Scholars’ College seeks highly motivated students who can work independently and who are willing to explore new ideas. The admission criteria are as follows:

- Complete 17.5 units of the Regents’ high school core curriculum or comparable curriculum

**We recommend the following GPA and test scores as minimums:**

- 3.0 or better unweighted average on a 4.0 scale in high school course work in the Regents’ curriculum or comparable curriculum
- ACT composite of 25 or SAT composite of 1130
- ACT subscores of at least 20 or SAT subscores of 480

Students who do not meet these minimums will be considered for admission on an individual basis.

Scholars’ Day
We also offer two open houses, Fall and Spring Scholars’ Days, on a designated Saturday each semester. Scholars’ Day is a great opportunity to learn more about Scholars’ College and meet other students who share your interest in honors education.

Important Numbers
To receive more information about the Louisiana Scholars’ College, contact the following offices by phone or email:

- LSC Recruiting
  (318) 357-4578 or 1-800-838-2208
  LSCrecruits@nsula.edu
  http://recruiting.nsula.edu/scholars-college/

- Office of Student Financial Aid
  (318) 357-5961 or 1-800-823-3008
  nsufinaid@nsula.edu

- Scholars’ College
  (318) 357-4577
  scholars@nsula.edu
  http://scholars.nsula.edu

Louisiana Scholars’ College Application Checklist

- Application for Admission and Scholarships – apply online
- Application Essay
- $20 Application Fee / $30 for International Students
- Recommendation Forms from Guidance Counselor or Teacher
- Official Transcript (out-of-state) / Unofficial Transcript (in-state)
- ACT and/or SAT Scores

My turning point was at one of the Scholars’ Days. I sat in on a class where I got to listen to other people’s interpretations of a book. None of them were cookie cutter answers... I knew I wanted to surround myself with these people.

—Rhea Bumpass ’14
Natchitoches
Northwestern State is the perfect-sized university located in the perfect college town of Natchitoches, Louisiana. The community of approximately 20,000 was established in 1714 and is the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. With one of only two National Historic Landmark Districts in the state, the quaint and unique town has much to offer including shopping, dining, and attractions plus historic fort sites, museums, cultural events, and festivals.

While Natchitoches has a community atmosphere, it is close to larger cities: Shreveport and Alexandria are only an hour away; Dallas, New Orleans, Jackson, and Little Rock can be reached by interstate in approximately four hours.

Come See for Yourself
The Office of University Recruiting would love to show you around the beautiful campus. Because we know each student is unique, each visit is personalized to fit that student. This is a great way to learn about the Scholars’ College and Northwestern State. When you schedule a tour in advance we can arrange to have you visit a class and talk with our outstanding students, faculty, and staff.

Admitted students are invited to our summer orientation program, Freshman Connection, with sessions specifically designed for Scholars’ College. This exciting program gives new students an opportunity to learn about the campus, meet other freshmen, and pre-register for classes.

What makes Scholars’ unique is the sense of community; we push each other to succeed in our work, and that makes all the difference.
—Mathew Morrison ’12

Being at a small college gives you the opportunity to make your college career much more personal; you know your classmates, and your professors know you.
—Rebecca Hunt’12

The professors really take an interest in you as a person. They are always there to help you with your work and even personal problems. They really care.
—Ruth Frugé ‘13