



2024 FRESHMAN CONNECTOR APPLICATION

To be eligible to serve as a Freshman Connector, you must:

- be a full-time student in the Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 semesters
- maintain a minimum semester and cumulative GPA of 2.0
- enroll in and successfully complete OR 1100: Orientation Leader Skills Training
- actively participate in all Freshman Connection retreats, training sessions, and reflection activities
- be available for all sessions of Freshman Connection
- reside in university housing during Freshman Connection programs
- uphold the NSU Student Code of Conduct
- be willing to handle high levels of responsibility
- be in good standing both academically and with the University.

As a Freshman Connector, you will be expected to:

- demonstrate enthusiasm and passion for Northwestern State University
- be knowledgeable of Northwestern State services, resources, policies, and procedures
- work effectively with a diverse group of team members, students, parents, faculty, and staff
- perform all responsibilities in a punctual, reliable, and conscientious manner
- exercise mature judgement, flexibility, and patience
- act with integrity, behave ethically, and display appropriate behavior and decision making

As a Freshman Connector, you will be responsible for:

- creating an open and welcoming campus environment for new students and their families
- serve as a positive representative of the University to new students and their guests
- promote interaction among groups of new students during small group discussions, get acquainted activities, meals, and events
- explain academic advising and course registration procedures
- facilitate small group interactions on various topics, including course enrollment and campus life issues
- facilitate social activities for new students through direct involvement and participation
- participate in the creation and production of various orientation performances, presentations, and evening activities such as Opening Session and the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW) events
- provide administrative support for the Freshman Connection and Parent Connection programs, including preparation of orientation materials

IMPORTANT ORIENTATION DATES

- **OR 1100-01N for Spring 2024 semester (MWF 11:00-12:00 PM)**
- **Spring Retreat, January 2-3, 2024**
- **Assist with New Student Orientation for the Spring 2024 semester on: January 4, 2024**
- **Leadership Retreat at Dry Creek, LA, May 13-15, 2024**
- **Freshman Connection Work Weeks, May 16, May 19-21, May 27-28, June 10-June 12, July 7-9**
- **Freshman Connection**
 - o Natchitoches Sessions: May 22-23, May 29-30, June 13, July 10-11
 - o Alexandria Session: June 18
 - o Leesville Session: June 19
 - o Shreveport Session: June 20
- **Assist with weekend before school events for the Fall 2024 semester**

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DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted to Mary-Katherine Maggio in the Office of First Year Experience and Leadership Development (First Floor – Student Services Center) by Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm

**Do not forget to submit a Reference Form and Resume along with your application.*

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

High School: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

University Email Address: _____ Personal Email Address: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Classification as of August 1, 2022. (CHECK ONE) ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

Cumulative GPA: _____ Spring 2023 GPA: _____ Fall 2022 GPA (if applicable):: _____

CRITERIA CHECKLIST

- I am aware that the **application deadline is Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm.**
 - I am enrolled as a full-time student at Northwestern State University
 - I have a cumulative and previous semester GPA of 2.0 or higher
 - I have answered all questions completely and thoroughly
 - I have included a resume
 - I have included a photograph of myself
 - I have completed the Recommendation Form and my reference is aware that the **recommendation form deadline is Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm.**
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By submitting this application, I am attesting to the complete accuracy and truthfulness of all information stated herein, and I am aware that the information submitted may be independently verified. In addition, I consent to the Office of First Year Experience and Leadership Development and Northwestern State University using any and all information contained herein to benefit the University as they see fit. This includes but is not limited to short answer responses and photographs.

Signature

Date

In Office:

Enrollment Verified

GPA Verified

Resume Included

Photograph Included

Reference Form Received

All Application Questions Completed

SHORT ANSWER RESPONSE: *Please respond to the questions below in the space provided.*

- 1 What do you hope to gain from being a part of the Freshman Connection Program?
- 2 Identify one difficulty/challenge in your life and how you have overcome it.
- 3 Why are you interested in applying/reapplying to be a Freshman Connector?
- 4 What talents would you contribute to the Freshman Connection team?
- 5 What aspects of the university would you most strongly promote when working with prospective students?
- 6 What does diversity at NSU mean to you? Please provide a personal example in your explanation.

If applying to be a returner, please answer the 3 additional questions below:

- 1 How do you think you have grown as a student leader this past year?
- 2 If you could give your first-year Freshman Connector self a piece of advice, what would it be?
- 3 What will you bring to the table this year that is different from your first year?

Please select all areas of the Freshman Connection Program you are interested in:

- Kid Konnection
- Parent Connection
- Freshman Connection
- Demon Volunteer (Demon VIP)



CHECK THE TOP 10 PHRASES/WORDS THAT DEFINE YOU.

Once you have selected 10, please give an example of how you embody 5 of the 10.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abrupt | <input type="checkbox"/> Decisive | <input type="checkbox"/> High-Spirited | <input type="checkbox"/> Optimistic | <input type="checkbox"/> Reliable | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptable | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated | <input type="checkbox"/> Honest | <input type="checkbox"/> Orderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved | <input type="checkbox"/> Stubborn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventurous | <input type="checkbox"/> Disorganized | <input type="checkbox"/> Humble | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized | <input type="checkbox"/> Resourceful | <input type="checkbox"/> Studious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aloof | <input type="checkbox"/> Dramatic | <input type="checkbox"/> Indecisive | <input type="checkbox"/> Original | <input type="checkbox"/> Respectful | <input type="checkbox"/> Suave |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxious | <input type="checkbox"/> Driven | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Outspoken | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarcastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assertive | <input type="checkbox"/> Efficient | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative | <input type="checkbox"/> Passionate | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure | <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt | <input type="checkbox"/> Empathetic | <input type="checkbox"/> Insightful | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient | <input type="checkbox"/> Selfless | <input type="checkbox"/> Thorough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boisterous | <input type="checkbox"/> Energetic | <input type="checkbox"/> Irrational | <input type="checkbox"/> Peaceful | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-critical | <input type="checkbox"/> Tidy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bold | <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Kind | <input type="checkbox"/> Perceptive | <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Tolerant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Busy | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Lazy | <input type="checkbox"/> Personable | <input type="checkbox"/> Serious | <input type="checkbox"/> Trusting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calculating | <input type="checkbox"/> Fearful | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisurely | <input type="checkbox"/> Persuasive | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing | <input type="checkbox"/> Uncomplaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calm | <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible | <input type="checkbox"/> Logical | <input type="checkbox"/> Practical | <input type="checkbox"/> Shy | <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charismatic | <input type="checkbox"/> Focused | <input type="checkbox"/> Loyal | <input type="checkbox"/> Precise | <input type="checkbox"/> Silly | <input type="checkbox"/> Vivacious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate | <input type="checkbox"/> Forgiving | <input type="checkbox"/> Mellow | <input type="checkbox"/> Proactive | <input type="checkbox"/> Simple | <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Fortright | <input type="checkbox"/> Methodical | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> Smooth | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Considerate | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Rational | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociable | <input type="checkbox"/> Wishful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun-loving | <input type="checkbox"/> Observant | <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic | <input type="checkbox"/> Spontaneous | <input type="checkbox"/> Wise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative | <input type="checkbox"/> Gracious | <input type="checkbox"/> Old-fashioned | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective | <input type="checkbox"/> Stable | <input type="checkbox"/> Witty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curious | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardworking | <input type="checkbox"/> Open | <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxed | <input type="checkbox"/> Steady | <input type="checkbox"/> Youthful |

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