ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars
Student Application Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The following information addresses tuition, applying, payments, refunds, discounts, and contact information for the ADVANCE office.

Does ADVANCE offer more than one session?
No. ADVANCE offers one session, and the dates are July 7 – 27, 2024.

How much is the tuition and what does it cover?
Tuition is $2,850. An additional $50 nonrefundable application fee is due at the time of application, and some classes carry a $50 laboratory fee.
Tuition covers room, board, instructional costs, supplies, and most activities.

What is the easiest way to apply?
Click HERE to apply online and pay the $50 nonrefundable application fee. If you prefer to complete an application by hand, email palmerh@nsula.edu
and request one. It will be emailed to you with information on how to pay the $50 nonrefundable application fee.

What required academic documents must be emailed or mailed to the ADVANCE office after applying online?
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. Visit the website, and click on Application Instructions to learn more.
   *Note: These items cannot be uploaded to the online application.

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.

When will I know if I am accepted to ADVANCE?
If accepted, you will receive an acceptance email within two weeks of our office receiving your application, $50.00 nonrefundable application fee, and
academic documentation.

If I am accepted to ADVANCE, when is the nonrefundable $400 enrollment deposit due?
The $400 nonrefundable enrollment deposit is due within two weeks of our office sending you an acceptance email. If the enrollment deposit is not paid
by the specified time, you will forfeit your place in the program.

Is the nonrefundable $400 enrollment deposit applied to my total balance due?
Yes. Your balance will be decreased by $400 when the nonrefundable enrollment deposit is paid.

When is my remaining balance due?
May 1, 2024. Students with unpaid balances will be removed from the program if full payment is not received by this date.

What if I need financial aid to attend ADVANCE?
Parents must submit the 2024 Student Application first and then submit a separate 2024 Financial Aid Application with applicable financial documents.
Visit, nsula.edu/advance/, click on Financial Aid, and carefully follow the directions. The Student and Financial Aid Application, and all required
academic and financial documents, are due in the ADVANCE office on or before the April 1, 2024 (by 11:59 PM) financial aid deadline.

Is there a way to make payments online?
Yes. Anyone may click HERE to make online payments through a secure website.

Are payments refundable?
No. All payments are nonrefundable unless NSU must cancel the program.

Are there any discounts?
Yes. If two or more siblings attend ADVANCE, each sibling will receive a $250 discount. Dependents of NSU employees or NSU students will also
receive a $250 discount.

How will I receive information from the ADVANCE Program office?
Most correspondence from the ADVANCE office will be by email. Where requested, provide a working email address that you regularly check.

How do I contact, mail, or ship items to the ADVANCE office?
Call: 318-357-4500   *Mail: ADVANCE Program   *Ship: ADVANCE Program   Email: palmerh@nsula.edu
                              NSU Box 5671   175 Sam Sibley Dr   (Scan and attach documents, if needed)
                              Natchitoches, LA 71497   Suite 5671
                                                                          Natchitoches, LA 71457

* NSU strongly suggests that you use the United States Postal Service (USPS) to send all letters and packages.