

# NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Early Start

### General Information

#### Application

1. All participants are required to submit the Nicholls Early Start/Dual Enrollment admission application and all other documents as specified in the admission application.
2. All participants must provide transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended.
3. All participants must provide official ACT scores.

To be considered for admission to Nicholls, all applications and information listed above must be submitted at least 15 business days before the start of the semester.

#### Requirements and Limitations

1. All Early Start/Dual Enrollment participants must meet academic eligibility requirements as specified by the university.
2. A participant may be a public, private, or home-schooled high school student.
3. A participant may enroll in courses at a rate established by the university.
4. All courses enrolled in by a participant, but not dropped by the census date, will become part of the participant's official and permanent academic record.
5. All participants are responsible for being aware of important dates as established by the university. Please see the Nicholls State University academic calendar.

For questions, please contact the Academic Advising Center located in 234 Elkins Hall at 985.448.4117.

<http://www.nicholls.edu/admission/undergraduate-admissions/dual-enrollment-program/>

### Application

College semester of application \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

M / F \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (Circle One) \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a United States Citizen? (circle one) Y / N \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity/Race:  America Indian/Alaskan Native  Asian/Pacific Islander  Black (Non-Hispanic)

Caucasian (Non-Hispanic)  Hispanic (Mexican-American)  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Course Information:

College course name, number, section or CRN number \_\_\_\_\_ College credit hours \_\_\_\_\_  
(example: ENGL 101- 3T1 or ENGL 101- 80154)

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Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ ACT HS Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's current grade level: 11th or 12th grade (Circle One) \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Student previously participated in the Early Start/Dual Enrollment Program at any university:(Circle One) Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_

\*Student has earned a grade of \_\_\_\_\_ in the last college course in which s/he was enrolled for participation in the Early Start/Dual Enrollment as evidenced by the attached college transcript/grade report. S/he was enrolled in this course in the \_\_\_\_\_ semester/term of \_\_\_\_\_.

High School Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Certification:**

- I certify that all information I have provided in this application is correct.
- I understand that as a participant in the Early Start program at Nicholls State University, that I may enroll in courses at a rate established by the university.
- I understand that I am enrolling as a Visiting/Guest Student at Nicholls State University. Upon graduation from high school, if I desire to enroll at Nicholls State University, I will apply for admission as a regular student and must meet Nicholls State University's admission requirements.
- I understand that the high school and college grades earned in those courses in which I enroll through the Early Start program will be on my permanent high school and college academic records.
- I understand that the grades I earn on college courses in which I enroll through the Early Start program will be used by other programs, including TOPS, to determine my continuing eligibility for those programs. See TOPS Q&A Q. 150-151 located in TOPS section of [www.osfa.la.gov](http://www.osfa.la.gov).
- I authorize Nicholls State University, my high school, my school district, the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance access to my high school and college academic record. I further authorize my high school and Nicholls State University to exchange my academic information (i.e. transcript) for any purpose related to my eligibility or participation in this program.
- I acknowledge that (1) I am enrolling in the course(s) listed in this application, (2) **it is my responsibility to OFFICIALLY WITHDRAW or DROP a class I decide not to complete by Nicholls State University's published deadline, and (3) if I withdraw from the college course or earn a college grade other than A, B, C, or P in the course, I may not be eligible to enroll as an Early Start student in a future semesters.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Nicholls State University Assumption of Risk, Release, and Liability Waiver Form for Enrollment of Minor Students**

*REQUIRED FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL MINORS (under age 18)*

\_\_\_\_\_ (“the minor student”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“the parent” or “the legal guardian”) want the minor student to take classes at Nicholls State University. The parent represents that the minor student is not yet 18 years of age; that the parent is the parent or legal guardian of the minor student; and that the parent is legally competent to sign this form on behalf of the minor student. The parent and minor student (collectively “we”) agree to the following representations, understandings and agreements.

We understand that the law and culture of higher education generally presume that college students are mature adults capable of independently evaluating their environment and independently attending to their needs. We understand that the minor student will voluntarily enter into an adult environment; that Nicholls State University will treat the minor student as an adult within that environment; and that the minor student accepts fully the rights and responsibilities of an adult within that environment. We understand that expectations that we may have for support and service(s) that may arise from the minor student's experience in secondary education will often not be appropriate or available in the collegiate setting. In particular, we understand that the minor student will be taking college level courses and that the academic environment will encourage free discussion and open inquiry of sometimes controversial subjects.

We represent that the minor student has the emotional and intellectual maturity necessary to participate beneficially in the collegiate environment. We have access to, and agree to follow, all Nicholls State University policies and procedures and, if the minor student indicates that he or she cannot adapt to that environment, we agree to withdraw, and/or permit Nicholls State University to remove, the minor student from Nicholls State University.

We understand that Nicholls State University will have specific rules that will apply to the minor student's ability to enroll and attend. These rules may include, but are not limited to, certain enrollment prerequisites, registration requirements, placement tests, and matriculation status. For a complete understanding of like applicable rules, we agree to consult with Nicholls State University and we agree to accept their application to the minor student.

On behalf of ourselves, our family, heirs and personal representative(s), we understand and agree that Nicholls State University will treat the minor student as an adult; that we have had a reasonable opportunity to consider the risks of a minor student participating in the adult and independent learning environment of Nicholls State University; and that we assume all such risks regarding the minor student's participation at Nicholls State University. On like behalf, we further release, hold harmless, indemnify and covenant not to sue the University of Louisiana System, Nicholls State University, and their governing boards, trustees, employees and any agents from and against any and all liability for harm, injury, damage, claims, demands, actions, causes of action and expenses of any kind that we may have or that may hereafter accrue to us, directly or indirectly, related to any loss, damage or injury that we may sustain from the minor student's participation at Nicholls State University.

We have both read this form; we both understand its terms and conditions; and we both intend to be bound by it from the date of signature below until the student reaches his or her 18th birthday and is no longer a minor.

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Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date