



Nicholls State University
EARLY START APPLICATION

Criteria for Eligibility:

To be eligible to participate in the Early Start program at Nicholls State University students must meet the following criteria:

- Must be at least 15 years of age.
- Enrolled in 11th or 12th grade.
- Have PLAN or ACT (SAT) scores on file at Nicholls.
- Minimum PLAN or ACT composite score of 18.
- Minimum PLAN or ACT English sub score of 18 or Acuplacer Sentence Skills score of 86.
- Minimum PLAN or ACT Mathematics sub score of 19 or Acuplacer Elementary-Algebra score of 65 or College Level Math score of 20.
- Minimum high school GPA of 2.35.

School counselors, students, and parents should refer to the Early Start website at <https://www.nicholls.edu/student-engagement/> for a listing of important dates and other information.

Contact Academic Services at 985-448-4117 or e-mail dual.enrollment@nicholls.edu with questions.

Section 1 - Student Information:

Please complete all information; incomplete applications will result in a delay of registration for Early Start classes.

Semester	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Gender: M F	SSN	Date of birth (month, day, year)	Student's LA Secure ID Number
Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail	
Emergency Contact (name, relationship, phone)			

Student's grade level: 11th grade 12th grade High school GPA: _____

Is the student a United State Citizen? YES NO Ethnicity/Race: American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander
 Caucasian (non-Hispanic) Hispanic (Mexican-American)
 Black (non-Hispanic) Other _____

Has the student participated in Early Start at Nicholls State University or any other institution: YES No

Section 2 - Course and School Information:

Student will be taking course(s): At high school campus At Nicholls State University campus or online through Nicholls.

Course information can be obtained from Banner Self-Service linked under Current Students on the Nicholls homepage.

Course Name (ex: English)	Course Number (ex: 101)	Course Section *	Credit	*Course Reference Number

* Required for courses taught at Nicholls campus or online through Nicholls. If students do not have a section preference, leave section blank.

Name of high school: _____ High school ACT Code: _____

Guidance Counselor Signature

Date

Section 3 - Certification Information:

By signing below, you certify that all information provided is correct and that you agree to the statements on this page.

- 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.losfa.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.

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 are no longer a minor.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date