



2026 FRESHMAN CONNECTOR APPLICATION

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

- be a full-time student in the Spring 2026 and Fall 2026 semesters
- maintain a minimum semester and cumulative GPA of 2.0
- enroll in and successfully complete OR 1100: Orientation Leader Skills Training on MWF at 11:00 AM in Spring 2026
- 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
- provide administrative support for the Freshman Connection and Parent Connection programs, including preparation of orientation materials

IMPORTANT ORIENTATION DATES

- OR 1100-01N for Spring 2026 semester (MWF 11:00-12:00 PM)
- Spring Retreat, January 6-7, 2026
- Assist with New Student Orientation for the Spring 2026 semester on: January 8, 2026
- Leadership Retreat at Dry Creek, LA, May 11-13, 2026
- Freshman Connection Work Weeks, May 14, May 17-19, May 24-26, June 14-16, July 6-8
- Freshman Connection
 - Natchitoches Sessions: May 20-21, May 27-28, June 17-18, July 9
 - Alexandria Session: June 23
 - Leesville Session: June 24
 - Shreveport Session: June 25
- Assist with weekend before school events for the Fall 2026 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 Friday, October 24, 2025 at 11:00 am

**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, 2025. (CHECK ONE) ____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior

Cumulative GPA: _____ Spring 2025 GPA: _____ Fall 2024 GPA (if applicable):: _____

CRITERIA CHECKLIST

_____ I am aware that the **application deadline is Friday, October 24 at 11:00 am.**

_____ 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 Friday, October 24 at 11:00 am.**

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.

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

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