

Louisiana School Readiness Tax Credit

2018 Contribution Form

Recent data from the Louisiana Department of Education indicates that 60% of all NWLA children enter kindergarten without the basic readiness skills they need, *starting behind on their very first day of school*. To address this need across the state, in 2007 the Louisiana Legislature passed a unique package of tax credits known as the **School Readiness Tax Credits**. For Louisiana businesses, there is a REFUNDABLE state tax credit for 100% of donations up to \$5,000 made to a Louisiana Child Care Resource and Referral agency (CCR&R.) The CCR&R for NWLA is the **NSU Child and Family Network**.

By encouraging the strategic use of School Readiness Tax Credit funds, the Step Forward Early Childhood Network Team and NWLA business community is working with NSU Child and Family Network to improve the school readiness of our youngest children. Funds will be used for the following priorities in Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, and Webster parishes:

- 1) to provide parent training regarding early brain development and language development
- 2) to provide staff training regarding early brain development and language development for organizations serving young children
- 3) to purchase evidence-based curriculum and staff training to promote early language and math development
- 4) to purchase developmentally-appropriate materials to promote early language and math development

Contributor Information (please print or type)

Name | Title _____

Business Name _____ State Revenue # _____

Billing address _____

City, ST | Zip Code _____

Phone 1 | Phone 2 _____

Fax | Email _____

Contribution Information

- My check is enclosed.
- Please charge \$ _____ to my credit card.

Credit card type _____ Expiration Date: _____

Credit card account number _____ Security Code: _____

Authorized signature _____

- Please hold my donation in escrow until May 31, 2019 to protect against possible legislative changes.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Please make checks payable to:

NSU Foundation*
535 University Parkway
Natchitoches, LA 71497

IMPORTANT: Note on your check that it is for the **NSU Child and Family Network Northwest Louisiana School Readiness Project**.

*In order to be eligible for this refundable tax credit, your donation must be made to a Louisiana Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agency. The CCR&R agency for Northwest Louisiana is the **Northwestern State University Child and Family Network**, a division of Northwestern State University; therefore, donations are made to the NSU Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. **For more information, contact Nancy Alexander, Executive Director, NSU Child and Family Network at 318.677.3150.**

*The mission of **Step Forward** is to enhance economic vitality in Northwest Louisiana by fostering regional partnership through active citizenship; improving educational outcomes for all children; building and sustaining a vibrant community; and preparing a globally competitive workforce.*

Step Forward is an initiative established by the Community Foundation of North Louisiana.