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## **Summer Programs for G/T Students at State Universities**

Parents interested in finding worthwhile activities in which to engage their gifted youngsters through the summer months will be happy to learn that many of the universities across the state provide programs for gifted children. Listed below are brief synopses of the various offerings the universities provide for gifted/talented children and information on how to contact the program directors.

### **LSU- Youth Programs**

#### **Mini-Courses (High School and Middle School), Honors High School Credit Program, Pre-Med Science Camps (8-9 grades), Camp Challenge (Pre-K-6 grades)**

Brochures are available to outline entrance requirements, costs, and course offerings. Some scholarships available.

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LSU Mini-Courses for Gifted and High Achieving Students

177 Pleasant Hall

LSU

Baton Rouge, La. 70803-1520

(225)-578-3144

(225)-578-6672 for Camp Challenge

1-800-388-3883

[www.youth.lsu.edu](http://www.youth.lsu.edu)

### **LSU-Recruitment into Engineering of High-Ability Minority Students (REHAMS)**

This program is designed to offer academically talented minority students an opportunity to examine first-hand the activities and thought patterns characteristic of engineers.

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REHAMS, 3304 CEBA, LSU

College of Engineering

Baton Rouge, La. 70803

(225) 578-5731

[rehams@eng.lsu.edu](mailto:rehams@eng.lsu.edu)

### **UL Lafayette-Summer Scholars Residential Program**

Brochures that outline entrance requirements, costs, and course offerings are available. Seventh and eighth grade students attend 4 classes a day for a week in psychology, leadership, art, academics and electives.

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Center for Gifted Education

University of La. at Lafayette

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Lafayette, La. 70504-3251  
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### **UL Lafayette-The La. Creative Scholars Program**

Emphasis in this residential program is placed on creative thinking and problem solving. Seventh and eighth grade students participate in two weeks of intensive studies geared to their interests.

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### **UL Lafayette- Academic Enrichment Program**

Commuter program for pre-k -10th grade students. Gifted students take classes in math, science, drama, and the arts for 2 week sessions.

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### **Governor's Program for Gifted Children**

This program is a seven-week residential program of enrichment in multiple fields of study. A festival of students' achievement culminates the activities.

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Governor's Program for Gifted Children  
McNeese State University  
Box 91490  
Lake Charles, La. 70609  
(337) 475-5446  
1-800-291-7840  
office@gpgc.org

### **UL Monroe-Summer Program for Talented and Gifted Students**

This program is a commuter day camp in two-week sessions for elementary students. The curriculum has been designed to enhance cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills for high achieving students.

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University of La. at Monroe TAG Program  
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Monroe, La. 71209  
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### **NSU- Advance Program for Young Scholars**

This program is a three-week residential program in cooperation with the Talent Identification Program at Duke University. The curriculum includes an intense academic program.

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(318) 357-4500 1-800-259-4438  
[palmerh@nsula.edu](mailto:palmerh@nsula.edu)  
[www.advanceprogram.org](http://www.advanceprogram.org)

### **NSU- Quest Mesh**

This is a week long residential program for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The concept emphasizes problem solving strategies using real life simulations.

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Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts  
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Natchitoches, LA 71457  
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### **Nicholls State University-Talented and Gifted Program**

This program is a commuter program for academically gifted students in grades 6-10.

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PO Box 2119  
Thibodaux, La. 70310  
(985) 448-4534  
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### **UNO-Sparkle**

This commuter program for identified gifted students ages 5-14 emphasizes academic enrichment classes.

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UNO  
Lakefront  
New Orleans, LA. 70148  
(504) 280-5467  
[www.sparkle..eduuno.edu](http://www.sparkle..eduuno.edu)  
[agsse@uno](mailto:agsse@uno)

**Xavier University- Summer Program for G/T Students (S.T.A.R. S.)**

This program is a two-week commuter program for gifted/talented children in grades 1-8. Students choose from many diverse enrichment classes, including creative dramatics, science, and technology.

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