

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NEWS

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## Important Dates for Scholarship School

Date	Action, Event, or Deadline
Ongoing	Assessment Office Hours (Every Thursday at 11 am)
January 14	Application Technical Assistance Webinar for schools outside Orleans Parish
January 18	Registration deadline for the January Collaboration Events
November 2 - February 26	2016-17 OneApp application opens for students interested in attending participating public or Scholarship schools in Orleans Parish
January 19 - February 26	2016-17 statewide application opens for students interested in attending participating Scholarship schools

## Superintendent's Message

Dear Colleagues,

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Perhaps the most important and fundamental factor in school quality is the academic leadership of the school and the central office that supports the school. We must elevate the importance of school and district leaders as academic leaders in everything we do.

This is the time of year when we start to turn our attention toward next year and laying the groundwork for improvement. The decisions involved are among the most important the education leaders in our state will make, and we must trust them to do so. At the same time, plans for next year and for all years, should be informed by past results. We must make all relevant information available to leaders at all levels, and leaders should use that information methodically and thoughtfully. That's a timeliness approach proven to work. I'm looking forward to moving ahead.

As always, thank you for all you do for our children,

## John

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## Action Items

### **Scholarship Program Application Process for Schools Outside of Orleans Parish**

The Main Round student application period for schools outside of Orleans Parish will begin on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016**. The Scholarship Team will host an application training webinar on Thursday, January 14.

**Application Technical Assistance Webinar:**  
Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Click here to join the meeting or go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/scholarship/>

- Enter the meeting room as a guest and provide your name
- Audio access via phone bridge: (800) 832-0736 / room number: 9492587

Select the "listen only mode" if joining the meeting via computer or smartphone.

Please click [here](#) for a copy of the webinar.

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## Resources and Support for Scholarship Schools

### **Update on Potential River Flooding**

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), in coordination with other state and federal agencies, has been closely monitoring flood states of the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers due to heavy rainfall amounts throughout the over the past 30 days. There is a concern about flooding along these waterways, as the rivers are expected to crest at flood stages at several locations over the next two weeks. Please remain in contact with your [parish Office of Emergency Preparedness](#) and pay close attention to local advisories. Any needs or concerns should first be communicated to local emergency response officials; however, we ask that you please keep us advised of any developments so that we may assist you in any way possible.

### **Updated: Scholarship Program Application Timeline**

Action	Orleans Date	Statewide Date
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Process	Opening Date	Closing Date
Main Round Application Window	November 2 - February 26	January 19 - February 26
Main Round Roster Available	Early April 2016	
Student Registration Deadline	May 20, 2016	
Round 2 Application Window	April 18 - May 27, 2016	
Round 2 Roster Available	Early July 2016	
Round 2 Registration Deadline	July 15, 2016	

## **Scholarship Family Support**

The Scholarship Team has developed two resources to help families navigate the Scholarship Program and the application process.

[Family FAQ](#): A comprehensive guide to the program that includes information on eligibility, application, transfers, and more.

Scholarship Program Posters ([large](#) and [small](#)): helpful information for families that includes school application intake hours.

## **Register for the January Collaboration Events**

The January Teacher Leader Collaboration Events will take place in the following locations:

- Baton Rouge (1/20)
- Thibodaux (1/25)
- Natchitoches (1/27)
- Lafayette (1/28)

### *Supervisor Collaborations*

Registration is now open for the January Supervisor Collaboration Event. **Click [here](#) for more information about this event**, including a list of sessions and recommended district-level attendees. Each location has a limited number of spots, which will be filled on a first come, first served basis. **Please contact your Network support team for information on how to register for this event.** Participants must register by **Monday, January 18**.

### *Teacher Leader Collaborations*

Registration is now open for the January Teacher Leader Collaboration Event. **Click [here](#) for more information about this event**, including a list of sessions and how to register. Each location has a limited number of spots, which will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please encourage teachers in your district to register for this event **by Monday, January 18**.

## **Weekly Assessment and Technology Readiness Update**

**Assessment Administration Preparation:** The [LEAP Practice eDIRECT](#) is now available with user guides for eDIRECT and INSIGHT. District test coordinators should have received individual emails to access the site and can now set up other users at the school- and district-level. NOTE: Districts are encouraged to set up staff and school test coordinators by January 14<sup>th</sup>, as all district staff and school test coordinators set up prior to January 14 will be automatically uploaded to the operational assessment site.

The [Operational eDIRECT](#) is also now available and includes manuals for LAA 1 and ELDA assessments.

**Technology Readiness:** In preparation for the spring 2016 LEAP assessments, user guides are now available in the [LEAP Practice eDIRECT](#). Installable software, including the Test Site Manager (TSM) and INSIGHT testing client will be available for download beginning Thursday, January 14 and are essential in measuring technology readiness and preparing for online testing.

**Assessment Office Hours** are available **each Thursday at 11:00 am** to answer teachers' and principals' questions regarding 2016 spring assessments through March. Test coordinators, technology coordinators, and other stakeholders can access the office hours online, post their questions, and have an answer returned to them on the call or immediately afterward.

**Office Hours Login Information:** (*\*No pre-registration required*)

- Click [here](#) to join the meeting or go to <https://louisianaschools.adobeconnect.com/dtc>
- Enter the meeting room as a guest and provide your name.
- Select the "listen only mode" if joining the meeting via computer or smartphone or access audio via phone bridge: (800) 832-0736 / room number: 3423602

Please also contact [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with questions.

## **OneApp Open for Schools in Orleans Parish**

The 2016-17 OneApp application is available for students interested in attending participating public or Scholarship schools in Orleans Parish.

To access the online application, please visit [www.enrollnola.org](http://www.enrollnola.org).

### **OneApp Resources for Schools and Families:**

[16-17 OneApp School Training](#): tips and reminders for Scholarship schools participating in OneApp

[Best Practices for Applicants](#): tips and reminders for families interested in applying

Scholarship Program Posters ([large](#) and [small](#)): helpful information for families that includes school application intake hours.

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## **Other Department Newsletters**

To view the **January 12 District newsletter**, please click [here](#).

- Literacy Design Collaborative
- Updated CTTIE Guidelines
- Individual Student Planning

To view the **January 7 Teacher Leader newsletter**, please click [here](#).

- January Collaboration Events
- 2015-16 Assessment Resources

To view the **January 7 Early Childhood newsletter**, please click [here](#).

- Review of Birth to 5 Curriculum Resources
- Child care resources

To view the **January 7 Scholarship newsletter**, please click [here](#).

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