

Congratulations on your decision to apply to Next Level NOLA! This guide will help you prepare and submit your application.

<u>BEFORE</u> you begin your application, you will need to gather some general information about yourself, write a cover letter, choose a work product and pre-write a response to the reflection questions that accompany the work product submission.

**General Information:** Name, high school, date of birth, home address, phone number, email address, cumulative TOPs GPA and ACT score.

**Cover Letter:** Draft a 200-400 word cover letter addressed to the Next Level NOLA Selection Committee that explains who you are and why the NLN Fellowship is the best next step for you after high school. You will be prompted in the application to submit your cover letter. Make sure your cover letter is a google file and name it <lastname.coverletter>

**Work Product:** Choose an assignment that you've completed in school during the last six months. This could be an essay, presentation, assessment or any other work you've created this school year. Strong submissions will reflect a candidate's growth or desire to grow. You could choose work you had to revise multiple times or an assessment that you worked very hard to master. You could even choose an assignment that you didn't do well on and then be ready to explain why and what you would do differently if you had it to do over again. Make your work product a google file and name it <lastname.workproduct>

**Work Product Reflection:** In the application form, you have the opportunity to answer the following questions about your work product. Draft your response to these questions before you complete the application and then copy and paste your response into the form.

Is the assignment you submitted as a sample work product a reflection of your best work? Why or why not? If you had the opportunity to complete this assignment again, what would you do differently? Explain your response.

Once you've written your cover letter, gathered your work product and drafted your work product reflection, you're ready to submit your application. Please submit your application with the attached cover letter and work product, using this <u>FORM</u>.

After you submit your application you'll receive an automatic reply confirming your submission. Look for another email with information about attending a personal interview and how to prepare for your interview to arrive in your email within two weeks of submission.

You will need to bring a completed copy of the high school eligibility form, official transcript and FERPA release form to your interview date. Forms will be emailed to you with interview details.

If you have any questions during this process, email info@nextlevelnola.org or text our helpline at (504)439-6368.