Great music is a tradition at Northwestern State University. Offering a wide variety of opportunities for musicians, that tradition thrives year after year! With over 300 members, the Spirit of Northwestern (SON) Demon Marching Band is truly the pride of Northwestern State and boasts one of the largest, most diverse marching bands in the South.

Every student in the SON, regardless of major, earns a scholarship for participation in the band program, so there is a place for you and your talent at the college level!

As a member of the SON you can:

- Earn scholarship money
- Receive an out-of-state tuition waiver
- Create exciting performances
- Discover life-long friends
- Continue your passion for music

Texarkana @ 1.5 hrs.
Dallas @ 3.5 hrs.
Austin @ 6 hrs.
Tyler @ 2.5 hrs.
Longview @ 2 hrs.
Lufkin @ 2 hrs.
Marshall @ 1.5 hrs.
Houston @ 4.6 hrs.

demonband.nsula.edu

For more information concerning “The Spirit of Northwestern” contact the School of Creative and Performing Arts (318) 357-4522 demonband.nsula.edu

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Music and music education majors experience a fully accredited and dynamic program at Northwestern State. Each student studies with one of our distinguished faculty on their primary instrument while taking classes in music theory and music history. Music education majors benefit from a comprehensive degree program, preparing them to be certified teachers in the public school system. NSU boasts many recognized and distinguished band directors and music teachers in the great state of Louisiana, Texas and across the United States.

Auxiliary units including the Color Guard, Demon Dazzler Danceline, and Northwestern State Feature Twirlers, add flavor and dimension to the band. These groups also branch out in to our Demon Heat Winter Guard and in national competitions with our danceline and twirlers.

Other ensembles include the Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Combos, Percussion Ensemble, and the Purple Haze Basketball Band, allowing students to perform in a variety of ensembles throughout the year.

Performance scholarships are available to all band members. The amount of the award is based on a prepared audition as well as high school achievements, such as participation in honor bands, solo/ensemble competitions, awards and scholastic scores. Out-of-state fee waivers are available for students qualifying for a performance scholarship and who have a 2.5 minimum high school GPA.

Auditions for scholarships may be arranged one of three ways:

- completing the audition request form at demonband.nsula.edu/request-information/
- e-mailing mathewsj@nsula.edu
- calling (318) 357-4522

Prospective students will then be contacted to arrange a day and time for the audition and to schedule a campus tour provided by the university’s Recruiting Office. This is a great way to learn about the university first-hand by seeing the campus and meeting some of our outstanding students, faculty and staff.

Northwestern State hosts Senior Day on a Saturday each fall and spring semester, and is a fun way to explore the campus and meet some new students. Explore NSU is offered each winter for juniors and sophomores who want an early start on selecting a college. Contact the University Recruiting Office at 1-800-327-1903 or go to recruiting.nsula.edu for more information.