

August 2025 Newsletter

STUDENT
CHAPTER OF
CENLA



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Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

As we kick off the 2025–2026 school year, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who's helped build this program from the ground up. What started as a simple idea has grown into something real — a powerful student-led initiative with its own identity, structure, and momentum.

This year, we're stepping into a new chapter — and it's full of opportunity. We'll start strong with Meet & Greets at Grant and Tioga High Schools, welcome new members, introduce student leaders, and meet families at upcoming Open House events.

Scholarship applications are now open and — for the first time — awards will be paid directly to students.

We're preparing for the Home Show Fundraiser in September, which will give students a chance to showcase their work and connect with the community.

We're also celebrating a huge milestone: the success of our first-ever student internships this summer. On top of that, we're launching exciting new resources — like the Student Blog, where members can share experiences and project highlights, and the Student Store, where students can submit their own product ideas. Thanks to a generous donation from Johns Manville, all of our students are starting the year with brand-new measuring tapes. We'll continue building up the Toolbox Fund to support future needs.

To every student reading this: you belong here. Whether you're interested in building trades, business, design, or something in between — this Chapter exists to help you explore, lead, and grow. Let's make this year the best one yet.

In this newsletter
you can expect:

Highlights from
June/July

CORE UPDATES &
ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS &
PARTICIPATION



PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO ACTION

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Core Updates & Announcements

Scholarships Are Now Open!

- The 2025–2026 scholarship cycle is officially live.
- ✓ Open to all seniors, including homeschooled students
 - ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.75 required
 - ✓ Includes essay, project, and service hours
 - 💰 Awards will be paid directly to students
-  Deadline: March 1, 2026
-  [Get Application Details »](#)

Student Leadership Appointments

This month, each participating school will appoint one student to the Board of Directors to represent their peers and help shape the future of the Chapter. Be sure to attend your school's Meet & Greet and Open House to find out more.

Sponsor Spotlight: Tarver Building Materials

We're proud to welcome Tarver Building Materials as our first official sponsor of the school year! They've already supported the Chapter with materials — including a generous donation of full-size measuring tapes for students. Thank you, Tarver!



Did You Know?

The Student Chapter of Central Louisiana is open to all high school students in the six-parish region — including those in alternative programs and homeschool. We believe every student deserves access to career exploration, leadership training, and scholarship opportunities. No membership dues are required this year. All you need is a 2.0 GPA and a willingness to get involved!

Student Tip of the Month

Scholarships, internships, and leadership roles often require early participation. Showing up now gives you a head start on standing out later.

Events & Highlights



Meet & Greet + Open House Events

This month kicks off with Meet & Greets at both Grant and Tioga High Schools.

📌 Grant – | Tioga – August

➡ We'll welcome new members, appoint student leaders, and introduce this year's goals.

📅 The first 20 students to sign up at each school get free Chapter swag!

📌 Look for us again at Open House nights to meet your family and answer questions about scholarships, internships, and more.

Home Show Fundraiser – Sept 20

One of our biggest public-facing events is almost here! Students are encouraged to:

🔧 Submit projects to showcase or sell

🗣️ Interact with visitors and professionals

🎯 Earn community service hours for scholarship credit

📌 Location & booth details to be shared soon!

Summer Internship Shoutout

A huge THANK YOU to the students who participated in our first-ever round of summer internships! Your hard work set the bar high, and we can't wait to expand this opportunity for more students next year.

Launching the Student Blog

We're inviting all members to share their journey!

✍️ Submit reflections, project photos, or career interests

💡 Great for resume-building and sharing your voice

📎 [Submit your entry HERE »](#)

Spirit Store: Submit Your Ideas!

We're building a student-run store for Chapter gear and custom-made products.

👨‍🎨 Want to design a product? Submit your idea!

💰 Proceeds support student activities and scholarships.

Toolbox Fund Update

Thanks to Johns Manville, every student member now has a full-size measuring tape! We're still looking for tool and supply donations to help gear up new students across all schools.




Help Us Take Our Student Chapter to New Heights

Call to Action







Become a Member — It's Not Too Late!

Membership for the 2025–2026 school year is still open to students across the six-parish region, including homeschool students and alternative programs.

- ✓ No dues required
- ✓ Must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher
- ✓ Open to anyone interested in homebuilding, trades, business, design & more
-  Apply now [HERE](#) »

Stay Informed, Stay Involved

Make sure you're following us to get updates on:

-  Event schedules
-  Scholarship reminders
-  Student features
-  Fundraisers & tool drives
-  Store launches
-  Website:

<https://www.studentchapterofcenla.org/index.html>

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Thank you for reading!

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