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Donations to the NOW Fund on Income Tax Form

Donations to the New Opportunities Waiver Fund can now be made while filing Louisiana income tax returns. Donating all or part of your tax refund to this fund will directly benefit people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) program provides a range of services intended to assist people with developmental disabilities to live as independently as possible. Money donated to the NOW Fund is used to help people with developmental disabilities live in their own home or with family members or friends instead of having to live in an institution or group home. These services include things such as assistance with bathing, dressing, and hygiene; relief for a parent or other caregiver; support in obtaining and maintaining employment; as well as specialized equipment. There are currently over 13,000 people on a waiting list for these waiver services.

Those interested in making a donation to the NOW Fund can include all or part of your tax refund on Schedule D (Line 18) of the Louisiana resident income tax return ([Form IT-540](#)). Doing so will make a huge difference in the lives of those needing these services.

