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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. 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, as well as things like specialized medical equipment. There are currently over 9,600 people on a waiting list for services through the NOW program.

Consider making a donation to the NOW Fund by simply including all or part of your tax refund on Schedule D (Line 17) of the Louisiana income tax return form. Doing so will make a huge difference in the lives of those receiving these services.



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