

## **Northwestern State University Policy on Public Speech, Assembly and Demonstrations**

*Northwestern State University believes the free exchange of ideas is an essential part of a healthy university community.*

Northwestern State University has right, in limited circumstances, to regulate registration of event, place and manner of public speech, assembly and demonstration.

### **Registration:**

- should complete specified request for event approval. (form on next page)
- should apply at least 24-48 hours prior to the actual event date when possible and practical
- processing for non-student groups or groups outside the campus community may take up to 72 hours
- the Dean of Students makes every effort to approve applications quickly however applicants may not take action until an application is processed and approved.
- the requested event cannot:
  - interfere with another approved event
  - interfere with University operations
  - be scheduled during other major university events—as determined by Student Affairs

**Place: University has designated 3 preferred locations; however, other locations may be considered**  
**Preferred locations are:**

- **Student Union Plaza;**
- **Prather Coliseum East Parking Lot (next to the tennis courts facing the coliseum);**
- **Green Space between CAPA and Varnado Hall.**

The person or organization applying will select only 1 spot.

### **Manner:**

- Approved by Dean of Students or their designee
- Peaceful
- No harmful acts, destruction or defacement of property, physical assaults or threats thereof
- May not display or threaten to use or display firearms, explosives or weapons of any type
- Amplification devices cannot be used in the Student Union Plaza
- May not obstruct, disrupt, or attempt to force the cancellation of any event sponsored by the University or by any users authorized to use University facilities.
- May not block ingress or egress to roadways, buildings, exterior patios or plazas or gathering places.
- Speech cannot be projected into private areas or so to disrupt university classes or administrative functions

### **Sanctions:**

- Individuals are subject to all sanctions in the NSU Student Code of Conduct.
- Individuals are subject to all sanctioning under the local, state and federal laws.

### **Non-Endorsement**

- University doesn't endorse any group and makes no guarantees for any group.

### **Video/Audio Taping:**

- University reserves right to video/audio tape any public speech, assembly or demonstration.

