

University of South Carolina

TRiO Programs

Educational Talent Search Application



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TRiO Educational Talent Search APPLICATION

Return completed application to:
TRiO Educational Talent Search
University of South Carolina
1338 Pickens St. Columbia, SC 29201
Fax: 803-777-6395

Complete all sections of the application, including signatures and dates.

Student's Name _____
First Middle Last

Preferred Name _____ Is student a United States citizen? Yes No

Male Female Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Primary Phone (_____) _____ Student's Cell Phone (_____) _____

Student's Email Address _____

School Attending _____

Grade Level _____ Expected Graduation Year _____

ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Ethnic information is for statistical summaries only and will not be a factor in program eligibility.

Check all that apply.

American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian African American/Black Hispanic/Latino
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Caucasian/White Specify Other _____

**Please note that students may not enroll in/participate in both the
Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs at the same time.**

Are you enrolled in the Upward Bound program? Yes No

FOR OFFICE USE

Comments _____ Received Date _____ Accept Date _____
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College Advisor _____ Associate Director _____

PARENT/S AND/OR GUARDIAN/S WITH WHOM THE STUDENT LIVES

Name _____

Relationship to student _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____

Employer _____

Work Phone _____

This parent/guardian has a 4-year college degree:

Yes No

Name _____

Relationship to student _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____

Employer _____

Work Phone _____

This parent/guardian has a 4-year college degree:

Yes No

**TRIO EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH
INITIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Please check all topics for which you would like to receive information, counseling and/or assistance:

- College choice
- Goal setting
- Career choices/life planning
- Pre-/post-secondary scheduling
- College exploration trips
- College entrance test preparation
- College admission
- Requirements for college financial aid and scholarships
- Personal counseling
- Other: _____

EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Please check one of the following sentences that best describes your educational goals.

- I plan to continue my education beyond high school.
- I am undecided about my future educational plans.
- I presently have no plans to continue my education beyond high school.
- I presently have no plans to complete high school.

I am interested in attending the following:

- College or University
- Community College
- Technical/Vocational College
- Proprietary School (i.e. Cosmetology)
- Other: _____

By completing this application, the applicant agrees that he or she has the abilities and interest to pursue academic classwork that will lead to continuing education after high school. Completion of the application indicates applicant's desire to become an Educational Talent Search Scholar and participate in TRiO ETS program activities and events. ETS is a federally funded program sponsored by the University of South Carolina.

CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY INCOME AND INFORMATION

We are required by the U.S. Department of Education to gather family income and other eligibility information from all participants served by the TRiO Educational Talent Search Program. All information will be held in strict confidence.

Student's Name _____
First Middle Last

School Attending _____ Grade Level _____

Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Is student a United States citizen? Yes No

Yes No A birth/adoptive parent (with whom the child lives) has earned a baccalaureate/ bachelor's degree. If yes, indicate below the parent's name, college and degree earned and graduation year.

College/University	4-Year College Bachelor Degree	Parent's Name	College Graduation
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING

1. Annual taxable household income; if income fluctuates, refer to last year's tax return _____
2. Non-taxable household income (if any) _____
3. If no taxable income, please place zero here _____
4. Including yourself, how many people live in your home _____

FOR COMPLETION BY APPLICANT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN

I declare that the information given here is correct. I authorize the school counselors, school district office, middle and high school officials, institutions and/or agencies to release any recorded information to include transcripts and report cards; Power School information and access; EXPLORE, PLAN, SAT, ACT, PSAT and PASS testing; Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs); academic, financial, and/or other information on my child's behalf to the ETS staff with the understanding that this information will be used only in regard to ETS services and is protected by the Privacy Act (FERPA).

Parent/guardian's signature _____ Date _____

PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby give the University of South Carolina, its agents, employees, servants, assigns and successors, without expectation of value, permission to:

1. Record my child's likeness and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph or any other medium; and
2. Use my child's name, likeness, voice, and biographical material in connection with these recordings; and
3. Exhibit, copy or distribute such recording in whole or in part without restrictions or limitation for any educational or promotional purpose or advertisement campaigns which the University of South Carolina, and those acting pursuant to its authority, deem appropriate.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian's signature _____ Date _____

College is within your reach.

Prepare for your college education

Take advantage of our services

- College tours
- Etiquette education
- Leadership training
- Goal setting and study skills
- Financial aid workshops
- College search guidance
- SAT/ACT fee waivers
- College application fee waivers
- Summer enrichment programs



A college education opens a world of opportunities you don't want to miss. But how do you get there?

We've helped thousands of students like you realize their college dreams.

Our counselors will get to know you on a personal level and help you build your skill set to be a successful, college-ready student. Whether you need career counseling or advice about navigating college costs, we can help.

Apply now to invest in your future.



“TRiO helped me focus. Going on tours and seeing colleges prepared me to pick the right school for me. My counselor pushed me in the right direction and answered any questions I had. I know she cared. She still checks on me now.”

Christopher Kershaw

Eau Claire High School class of 2017

Pre-pharmacy student, University of South Carolina



Inside the Numbers

Educational Talent Search is a federally funded program sponsored by the University of South Carolina that promotes college access to students from working-class families from schools in Richland 1 and 2.

For more than 50 years, we have encouraged and prepared middle and high school students to complete high school and graduate from college.

100%
of program participants
receive financial aid and
scholarships.

1,000+
students served
by ETS each year.

90%
of program participants enroll
in post-secondary education.

Educational Talent Search

at the University of South Carolina serves schools from the Richland 1 and 2 school districts.

High Schools:

- CA Johnson
- Keenan
- Lower Richland
- Eau Claire
- Columbia High
- Richland Northeast

Middle Schools:

- Alcorn
- Dent
- WA Perry
- Sanders
- St. Andrews
- Gibbes

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