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PROGRAM SERVICE GUIDE



The University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search Program is funded from 2017-2022 entirely from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$331,778.00 annually





EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

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Dear El Paso Community Partners:

The **University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Educational Talent Search Program (ETS)** is funded by the *U.S. Department of Education* for the purpose of providing academic support, career awareness, and financial aid advisement to students in middle and high school, who are enrolled in *Guillen Middle School, Henderson Middle School, Bowie High School and Jefferson High School*. The program identifies students from eligible backgrounds, who demonstrate a *desire to attend college*, and provides them with support and motivation to complete high school and enroll in a program of post-secondary education (college, university, technical or vocational school).

Please review our *Program Service Guide*, which is designed to provide you with detailed information regarding the following:

- Mission & Goals
- Delivery Model
- Eligibility Criteria
- Application Process
- Services Provided
- Curriculum by Grade Level

Thanks for your continued support of the UTEP ETS program. If you have questions or are in need of additional assistance, please feel free to contact us at 915-747-6604 or email mavalos@utep.edu.

Sincerely,

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The mission of the University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search program is to provide participants with academic support services that will increase their chances of completing high school, enrolling into college and graduating with a bachelor's degree.

The University of Texas is currently awarded a five year Talent Search grant (2017-2022) to provide services to 619 middle and high school students at four target schools in the heart of El Paso, Texas. The target schools are as follows:

- Guillen Middle School
- Henderson Middle School
- Bowie High School
- Jefferson High School

**WE PROMOTE COLLEGE
EDUCATION**

**WE PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID
INFORMATION**

**WE SUPPORT HIGH SCHOOL AND
COLLEGE COMPLETION**

ALL SERVICES PROVIDED ARE FREE

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Objective 1: Secondary School Persistence

90% of non-senior participants served each project year will complete the current academic year and continue in school for the next academic year, at the next grade level.

Objective 2: Secondary School Graduation – Regular Secondary School Diploma

90% of seniors served during the project year, will graduate during the project year with a regular secondary school diploma, in the standard number of years.

Objective 3: Rigorous Secondary School Program of Study

90% of seniors served during the project year will complete a rigorous secondary school program of study and will graduate during the project year with a regular secondary school diploma within the standard number of years.

Objective 4: Post-secondary Education Enrollment

80% of participants, who have graduated with a regular secondary school diploma, during the project year, will enroll in an institution of higher education by the fall term immediately following high school graduation.

Objective 5: Post-secondary Degree Attainment

30% of participants served during the project year, who enrolled in an institution of higher education, will complete a program of post-secondary education within six years.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The UTEP ETS Program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, who have the potential and desire to succeed in higher education (college, university, technical or vocational school).

A person is eligible to participate in ETS if he/she:

- I. Is a **citizen** or national of the United States; or permanent resident; or can provide evidence of intent to become a permanent resident; or is a permanent resident of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or is a resident of the Freely Associated States; **and**
- II. Meets the standard **age requirement**; **and**
- III. **Enrolled** in sixth through twelfth grades.



APPLICATION PROCESS

- I. Student/Parent completes the interest form (*attachment*).
- II. An application is emailed or mailed to parent (to download an application immediately, please visit our website at <https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/ets/eligibility/index.html>).
- III. Parent and student completes the application.
- IV. Application is reviewed by program to determine if eligible for program.
By Email: mavalos@utep.edu
By Mail: The University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search Program
500 West University
El Paso, TX 79968
- V. Participants are mailed a status update (acceptance, waiting list or ineligible to participate).

QUESTIONS/ CONCERNS

Please Contact Us At (915) 747-8406

SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL

The University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search Program (ETS) is funded by the U.S. Department of Education for the purpose of publicizing the availability of financial assistance and facilitating the application process for pursuing a college education.

As a Federal TRIO program, ETS is designed to provide services that support students in applying and enrolling into college. The primary *delivery model* of ETS is to provide services in a group environment, by grade level, at the local target school. *According to the What Works Clearinghouse, ETS has been found to have positive effects on completing high school.* Additional support services include one-to-one support, telephone academic coaching and supplemental Saturday and evening workshops for students and parents.

Services Provided

- Academic Coaching
- Individualized Service Plans
- Habits of Mind Workshops
- Career Exploration
- Assistance in Completing College Applications
- Assistance with Completing Financial Aid Forms
- Scholarship Search Assistance
- ACT/SAT Testing Fee Waivers
- College Application Fee Waivers
- College, Cultural & Educational Tours
- Transition to High School and College Assistance
- Parent Workshops
- Summer Camps



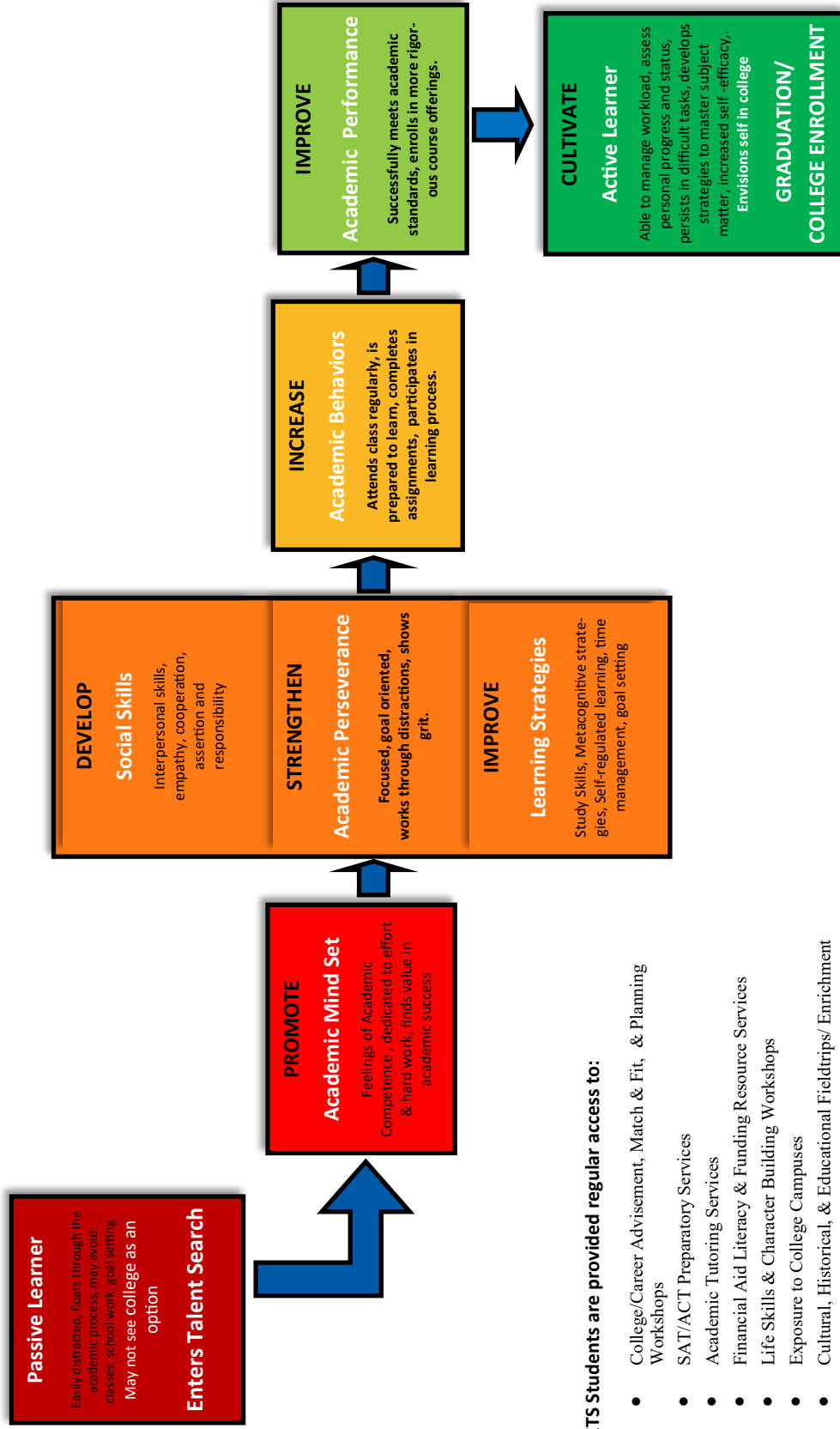
The Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) are Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Talent Search was founded in 1965, and has guided more than 11 million students and their families through the college preparation and application process. Talent Search grew out of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Higher Education Act (HEA), established with the goal of seeing that "no American talent is wasted." The HEA is arguably the most significant piece of legislation governing American higher education.

The logo for TRIO consists of the letters 'TRIO' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter 'I' is highlighted in red. A horizontal line is positioned below the letters.

Educational Talent Search will help students develop NON-COGNITIVE SKILLS

The University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search Program supports **college and career readiness** efforts for program participants. This is achieved through the usage of a curriculum that fosters development of non-cognitive skills to enhance cognitive skill development. Research shows that students' successful development of non-cognitive skills will increase their ability to transition to the next grade level, graduate from high school and enroll into college.



GRADE LEVEL SERVICE CHART

WHAT SERVICES WILL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE THIS YEAR?

X Goals	PROGRAM ACTIVITIES/SERVICES	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Academic Coaching	Academic Coaching	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Report Card Check	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	H.S. Course Selection			X	X	X	X	X
	Transition to High School	X	X	X	X			
	Study & Test Taking Skills	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Referral to Outside Agency/ Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
College Match & Fit	College Information	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	College Field Trips/ Fairs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	College Planning Profile			X	X	X	X	X
	PSAT/SAT/ACT Info/ Preparation Plan			X	X	X	X	X
	PSAT/SAT/ACT Fee Waiver			X	X	X	X	X
	College Admissions Assistance			X	X	X	X	X
	HS/College Dual Enrollment			X	X	X	X	X
	Referral to Quality Tutoring Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Financial Aid Awareness & Application Assistance	Financial Aid Information				X	X	X	X
	Financial Literacy Workshop	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	FAFSA Workshop						X	X
	FAFSA Assistance						X	X
	Scholarship Information					X	X	X
	Parent Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Career Awareness & Exploration	Career Information	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Career Field Trip	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Job Preparation Skills				X	X	X	X
	Interest Inventory	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Career Planning Profile	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Career Planning Portfolio	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

ETS CURRICULUM GUIDE

6th Grade		
SESSION	TOPIC	SOURCE
Session 1	Program Overview & Forging Group Identity Program Overview & Pre-test	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 2	Managing the Middle School Transition <i>Perceptions of My Middle School Experience</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 3	Managing the Middle School Transition <i>Effective Strategies for Handling Middle School Challenges</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 4	Keys of Academic Success <i>Study Skills & Habits</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 5	Keys of Academic Success <i>SMART Goals</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 6	Keys of Academic Success <i>Effective Test Taking Strategies</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 7	Getting Along with Others <i>I was Just Kidding: Teasing versus Bullying</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 8	Financial Literacy <i>How Much Does it Cost to Be Me?</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 9	Summer Month Learning Resources Program Evaluation & Post-test	Program Evaluation

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7th Grade

SESSION	TOPIC	SOURCE
Session 1	Program Overview & Forging Group Identity Program Overview & Pre-test	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 2	The Challenge of the Middle School <i>Using Systems of Support (school/community)</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 3	Keys to Academic Success <i>Time Management</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 4	Keys to Academic Success <i>No Nonsense Note-taking</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 5	Getting Along with Others <i>Resolving Conflict</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 6	Career Exploration Career Charades	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 7	How Values Shape my Life <i>Delaying Gratification: Short-Term Sacrifice, Long-Term Gain</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 8	Who am I <i>Valuing Cultural Differences</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 9	Financial Literacy Program Evaluation & Post-test	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs

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8th Grade

SESSION	TOPIC	SOURCE
Session 1	Program Overview & Forging Group Identity Program Overview & Pre-test	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 2	Understanding the High School Transition <i>SMART Goals Development</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 3	Keys to Academic Success <i>Asking for Help in the Classroom</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 4	College Exploration <i>Options After High School</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 5	Exploring College Options	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 6	Career Exploration <i>The Career Game</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 7	Preparing for Life Beyond College The 10 Year Plan	College Access Programs
Session 8	Managing the High School Transition <i>Preparing for the Freshmen Year</i>	College Access Programs
Session 9	Financial Literacy Program Evaluation & Post-test	Assessment/ Evaluation

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9th Grade		
SESSION	TOPIC	SOURCE
Session 1	Academic Coaching Session <i>Creating a Positive Mindset</i> Program Overview & Pre-test	Assessment Forms EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 2	Managing High School Transition <i>Surviving the Freshman Transition</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 3	Keys to Academic Success <i>Charting Your Course Through High School</i> Report Card Check	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 4	Keys to Academic Success <i>Surveying Academic Readiness</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 5	Managing High School Transition <i>Cliques, Crews & Cool Choices</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 6	Keys to Academic Success <i>Time Management</i> Report Card Check	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs 5
Session 7	College Entrance Exams <i>Understanding the PSAT & Plan</i>	The College Board
Session 8	Academic Coaching Session <i>Creating a College Planning Profile</i>	The College Board
Session 9	Financial Literacy Program Evaluation & Post-test	Assessment/ Evaluation

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10th Grade

SESSION	TOPIC	SOURCE
Session 1	Academic Coaching Session <i>Creating a Personal Mission Statement</i> Program Overview & Pre-test	Assessment Forms EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 2	Keys to Academic Success <i>Maximizing Study Skills at School</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 3	Keys to Academic Success SMART Goal Setting Report Card Check	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 4	Understanding College Lingo <i>Types of Colleges, Entrance Exams, & Other</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs The College Board
Session 5	Keys to Academic Success <i>Monitoring Your Academic Performance</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 6	Getting Along with Others <i>Resolving Conflict</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 7	Who Am I? <i>Creating a Personal Vision Board</i> Report Card Check	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs Academic Coach
Session 8	Exploring College <i>The Benefits of a College Education</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 9	Financial Literacy: What is Financial Aid? Program Evaluation & Post-test	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs

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11th Grade		
SESSION	TOPIC	SOURCE
Session 1	Academic Coaching <i>Surveying Academic Readiness</i> Program Overview & Pre-test	Assessment Form EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 2	How Values Shape my Life <i>Delaying Gratification: Short-Term Sacrifice, Long-Term Gain</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 3	Exploring College Options <i>Creating a Personal Portrait</i> Report Card Check	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 4	College & Career Exploration <i>Creating A Vision For Your Future</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 5	Getting Along with Others <i>Effective Communication</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 6	SAT & ACT Information/ Registration Report Card Check	College Board ACT, Inc.
Session 7	Financial Literacy <i>Financial Aid & Scholarship Search</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs College Greenlight
Session 8	Exploring College & Careers <i>Experiencing the College Process</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 9	Job Preparation Skills Program Evaluation & Post-test	Assessment/ Evaluation

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12th Grade

SESSION	TOPIC	SOURCE
Session 1	Academic Coaching <i>SAT & ACT Information/ Registration</i> Program Overview & Pre-test	Senior Survey Form College Board/ACT
Session 2	About Financial Aid <i>Applying for Scholarships</i>	College Greenlight Go Center
Session 3	Exploring & Experiencing College	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 4	Academic Coaching Researching & Choosing Your Colleges	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 5	Applying to College <i>Draft/Complete College Applications</i>	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 6	Applying to College	EPCC/EPISD/UTEP/ College Access Programs
Session 7	Letters to 9th Graders	College Board BIG FUTURE
Session 8	Financial Aid Completion	FAFSA.ed.gov Go Center
Session 9	Academic Coaching <i>Individual Support</i>	Certified Coach
Session 10	Transitioning into College: <i>Crossing the T's and Dotting the I's</i>	The College Board
Session 11	Letters to My Future Program & Senior Evaluations	Program Evaluation Senior Exit Form

PARENT & FAMILY ACADEMY



Supporting Parents with their Child's School Success!

The mission of the Parent & Family Academy is to provide parents with the strategies, skills, support and resources necessary to help their child excel in middle, high school and college.

The Parent Academy promotes knowledge of:

- Positive parent/teacher relationships
- Proper behavioral and academic expectations
- Personal strengths and career opportunities

Participating parents will have the opportunity to choose from an array of programs and services aimed at supporting the needs of their children and family. Topics include:

- Financial Aid and scholarship information
- Parent Advocacy in schools
- Effective math and writing strategies
- Homework help
- Other topics based on request

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Community Workshops
- Online Trainings (Webinars)
- College Preparatory Academic Advisement
- Transition Programs
(Middle School, High School, College)
- Annual Parent Conference
- Community Resources

*“Parent engagement is an
ongoing process of connecting
parents, schools and
communities.”*

TRIO

CONTACT US TODAY!!!

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915-747-6604

REMOTE/VIRTUAL SERVICES

Individual Educational Talent Search Student Advising Sessions

Individual student advising sessions will be delivered to participants via phone for simpler topics (e.g. general advising, career exploration questions, etc.) and web conference (i.e. Zoom) for more advanced topics (e.g. report card reviews, CPP mentoring sessions, FAFSA completion, assistance with scholarship applications, guidance and assistance in entry into postsecondary education). Contact logs are being completed to document phone calls and Zoom/Schoology sessions with students. Students are emailing or texting their advisor to schedule advising sessions. The majority of these individual sessions are for seniors who will finishing the college selection process and are making final decisions about college.

Group Student Workshops

Workshops on various topics (e.g., study and test-taking skills, financial literacy, adjustment to online learning, etc.) are being pre-recorded, uploaded to a restricted YouTube Channel, and embedded in a virtual platform that goes to ETS participants. Reports that indicate students have received and accessed the letter are being used to track student engagement. Staff are sending follow up email and text messages to students via text to respond to questions that students may have. This will be the primary method to deliver services to 9th through 11th grade students.

Individual Mentoring and Tutoring Students in the CPP #1 & #2 Program

Students receiving the additional high-quality tutoring (CPP#1) and mentoring (CPP #2) are meeting individually with advisors weekly via Zoom/Schoology. Group sessions are planned for CPP Students later in April and May. Provisions will be made to deliver services to CPP Students weekly throughout the summer via (i.e. Zoom/Schoology) to deliver college coaching services between high school graduation and college enrollment.



To participate in the University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search program you must be a participant. To become a participant, start the process by filling out and returning this interest form.

Educational Talent Search Program

Student Name: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime #: _____

School: _____

Interest Form

Current Grade **Middle School** 6th 7th 8th

High School 9th 10th 11th 12th

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Prep Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Career Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Educational Trips | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Camps | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Coaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus Tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goal Setting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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