Educational Talent Search Application

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APPLICATION

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□

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Comments
Received Date __________  Accept Date __________
LI  FG  BOTH  NE
College Advisor__________  Associate Director ____________
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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 ____________________________________________________________
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.

4-Year College
Bachelor Degree ☐ Yes ☐ No
Parent’s Name ________________________________ ☐ Yes ☐ No
College Graduation ________________________________ ☐ Yes ☐ No

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.

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