

University of South Carolina

TRIO Programs

# EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

Application



UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA



Dear Parent/Guardian:

This application is for participation in the Educational Talent Search Program (ETS) sponsored by the University of South Carolina. Your student was recommended by their guidance department to participate in this Program. The Educational Talent Search Program is college guidance and information service for youths aged 11-18. Talent Search counselors work with both students and parents to provide guidance on the completion of high school requirements, assistance with financial aid and scholarships, and admissions applications. The Program also offers grade-specific services that include study skills development, mentoring, tutoring, college visits, cultural activities, and workshops for parents. All services are **FREE** to Talent Search participants. Sessions are held in the school during school hours.

Before we can provide these services, we must be certain that your student meets eligibility requirements that are based on family income and the educational levels of parents. **All information we collect about students and their families is held in the strictest confidence and is protected by the Privacy Act.**

In order for students to receive the maximum benefits of participating in Educational Talent Search, a cooperative relationship with parents must be established. It is important that parents/guardians are actively involved in student development and the college enrollment process. If you are interested in this Program and would like for your student to participate, please complete the attached Educational Talent Search enrollment application and return the form to the guidance office at your student's school. We will notify you if your student is accepted into the program. Space is limited, so please return these forms as soon as possible. We must have the application on file before we can provide services for your student.

If you have any questions about this Program, please do not hesitate to contact the Talent Search Counselor assigned to your school or our office at (803) 777-5127.

Sincerely yours,

*Regina Hailey Smith*

Regina Hailey Smith, Coordinator  
Educational Talent Search Program

***Participation in this program does not require enrollment  
at The University of South Carolina***



Educational Talent Search

## APPLICATION

### RETURN APPLICATION & DOCUMENTS TO:

University of South Carolina ~ Educational Talent Search Program

1338 Pickens St Columbia, SC 29201

P: 803-777-5127 Fax: 803-777-6395



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### Complete (ALL PARTS) of Application with REQUIRED signatures & dates

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Goes by \_\_\_\_\_

Gender      Male      Female

Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media Name: FB: \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1-American Indian/Alaskan Native

2-Asian

3-African American/Black

4-Hispanic/Latino

6-Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

8-Caucasian/White

Specify Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that students may not participate in any Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search Program at the same time.**

Are you enrolled in the Upward Bound program? Yes      No

#### FOR OFFICE USE

Received Date \_\_\_\_

Accept Date \_\_\_\_

Comments

2/3RD    LI    FG    BOTH    NE

Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian with whom the student lives

Name: _____	Name: _____
Relationship to student _____	Relationship to student _____
Email Address _____	Email Address _____
Cell Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
Employer _____	Employer _____
Work Phone _____	Work Phone _____
This parent has a 4-year college degree: YES NO	This parent has a 4-year college degree: YES NO

### As a potential ETS parent/guardian, I would like to:

- ♦ be in the Parent Organization: YES NO
- ♦ receive ETS Parent/Guardian Information via (please check): EMAIL: CELL:

### Additional Emergency Contact Person

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Educational Talent Search Initial Needs Assessment

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

College selections  
Goal Setting  
Academic tutoring {Subject} : \_\_\_\_\_  
Career choices/Life planning  
Pre/Post secondary scheduling College exploration trips  
College Entrance Test Preparation College Admission  
Requirements College Financial Aid and Scholarships  
Personal counseling  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Educational Plans

*Please check the following that closely relates to your educational endeavors.*

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. Hair Design)  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

You agree that the "Applicant" has the abilities and interest to pursue academic classwork that will lead to continuing education after high school. Applicant is interested in becoming an ETS Scholar, and participating in the USC Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program activities and events.

# CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY INCOME AND INFORMATION

**(TO PARENT/GUARDIAN): We are required by the U.S. Department of Education to obtain family income and other eligibility information from all participants served by the Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program. All information will be held in strict confidence.**

STUDENT'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ **SOCIAL SECURITY NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

A UNITED STATES CITIZEN? YES NO

YES NO Student is a participant in the school free lunch program.

YES NO A birth/adoptive parent (with whom the child lives) has  
baccalaureate/bachelor's degree. (If YES, indicate Parent's Name, College, &  
Degree earned, and Year below):

Parent's Name	College/University	4-Year College Bachelor Degree	College Graduation
_____	_____	YES NO	YES NO
_____	_____	YES NO	YES NO

PLEASE INDICATE:

1. ANNUAL TAXABLE HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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, PASS testing, Individual Graduation Plans (IGP's), 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).

## PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby give USC, 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 SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



***Educational Talent Search at USC serves the following schools in Richland 1 & 2:***

**High School:**

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

**Middle School:**

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

**Educational Talent Search** at USC created **UofSCETS** on Remind.

Open your Text Messages, and enter this number:

**(803) 349-4596** with this message: **@uofsc** and follow prompts

**What's Remind?**

Remind is a simple way for you to stay informed and up-to-date with what's happening in your class. By joining **UofSCETS** on Remind, you're choosing to receive group messages via push notifications, SMS, or email. Don't worry, your phone number won't be shared with your Counselor or anyone else in the group.

Additionally, after signing up for **@uofsc** please sign up for your specific classification by texting one of the following codes to the same number

**(803) 349-4596:**

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: **@ets12**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: **@ets9**

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: **@ets11**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: **@ets8**

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: **@ets10**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: **@ets7**

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