



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the Talent Search Program of Western Texas College. The Talent Search program is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education and sponsored locally by Western Texas College and provides academic support, career guidance, college enrollment, and financial aid services. The main goal of this grant is to encourage your child to enroll in a college of their choice after high school graduation. This process starts as early as 6th grade and continues through 12th grade. An advisor from the program will be available at your child's school on a regular basis throughout the year to assist students in reaching their full potential.

Your child may be eligible to participate in Talent Search if they meet these requirements:

- Must be 1st Generation student (Neither biological parent has a four-year degree)
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Meets income guidelines
- Is enrolled in grades 6th - 12th
- Has the potential and desire for academic success

Please complete the attached forms and return to the school counselor or TRIO Talent Search advisor at your earliest convenience. **There are limited spaces available per grade, and parent signature is mandatory for your child to be eligible for selection.**

TRIO Talent Search offers the following services FREE of charge to your child if selected:

- ACT Preparation and Fee Waivers
- Assistance in applying for college admissions and housing
- Academic Advising in dual credit and high school courses provided on an individual basis along with tutor referrals
- Assistance in applying for student financial aid (Pell Grant, local and state grants, scholarships, and loans)
- Career and Vocational guidance for making a career choice
- Information on Community Colleges, Universities, Technical, or Vocational training programs
- **Additional information will be required:**

Copy of Student's Social Security Card

Copy of Parent(s) Income Tax

Copy of Birth Certificate

Thank you for your interest in the TRIO Talent Search Program. Please call 325-574-7635 if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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Program Application

Student Information	<p>Name: _____ Social Security Number: ____/____/____ Last First MI</p> <p>Mailing Address: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Street/P.O Box Number City, State Zip Code</p> <p>Phone: _____ Student Email: _____ Grade Level: (Circle One) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Student Cell # (If available)</p> <p>Age: _____ Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F Are you a United States Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, Alien Registration# _____</p> <p>Ethnicity (for statistical purposes only- please check one) Student Lives with (Check one): Which best describes your grades? (Circle one):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Both Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents</p> <p style="text-align:right;">A B C D</p> <p>Are you enrolled in a TRIO Program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No A/B B/C C/D D/F</p>						
Needs Assessment	<p>Listed below are some possible TRIO Talent Search activities. Check the areas that you would like information on or need help with.</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:16.6%; padding: 5px;"> -College Awareness ACT Information Admission Campus Tours Financial Aid Scholarships Info </td> <td style="width:16.6%; padding: 5px;"> -Career Awareness Career Planning Decision Making Goal Setting Guest Speakers Interest Inventory </td> <td style="width:16.6%; padding: 5px;"> -Academics Course Selection Study Skills Test- Taking Skills Time Management </td> <td style="width:16.6%; padding: 5px;"> -Character Development Bullying Cultural Experience Listening Skills Peer Pressure Self-Esteem </td> <td style="width:16.6%; padding: 5px;"> -Tutoring English Math Science Social Studies </td> <td style="width:16.6%; padding: 5px;"> -Other (please list) _____ _____ _____ </td> </tr> </table> <p>After completing high school, do you plan to enroll in a: <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Yr College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Community College (2 Yr.) <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Training Program <input type="checkbox"/> Military Program <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided</p>	-College Awareness ACT Information Admission Campus Tours Financial Aid Scholarships Info	-Career Awareness Career Planning Decision Making Goal Setting Guest Speakers Interest Inventory	-Academics Course Selection Study Skills Test- Taking Skills Time Management	-Character Development Bullying Cultural Experience Listening Skills Peer Pressure Self-Esteem	-Tutoring English Math Science Social Studies	-Other (please list) _____ _____ _____
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Student Contract	<p>To participate in the TRIO Talent Search Program, I agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain 2.75 or higher GPA to remain in the program Attend and participate in ALL scheduled meetings, workshops, tutoring, or mentoring sessions. Have a desire to attend a college of your choice. Refrain from having discipline/behavioral problems Have respect for yourself and others Successfully be promoted to next grade each year in school. Attend classes/school regularly. Seek help with academic or personal problems if needed. Enroll in the post-secondary program after graduation. <p style="text-align:center;">_____ STUDENT INITIALS</p>						
Parent Contract	<p>For my child to remain eligible to participate in TRIO Talent Search, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately notify TRIO Talent Search Advisor if my child receives disciplinary action at school. Be involved with TRIO Talent Search activities as much as possible. Attend Student/Parent Night provided by TRIO Talent Search which will be scheduled in the fall. Notify the TRIO Talent Search office about any changes in contact information such as phone number and address. <p style="text-align:center;">_____ PARENT INITIALS</p>						

