



6200 College Avenue
Snyder, Texas 79549

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 Educational 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.**

Educational 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**

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

Sincerely,

Julia Lewis, Director
Educational Talent Search
Email: jlewis@wtc.edu

