



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

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,

Julia Lewis, Director
TRIO Talent Search
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Snyder, TX 79549
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Parent/Guardian Information	Mother's Name (please print): _____ Father's Name (please print): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parent (Biological or Adoptive) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Parent (Biological or Adoptive) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian		
	Mother's Employer: _____ Father's Employer: _____		
	Home/Cell Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____ Home/Cell Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____		
	Mother's Email: _____ Father's Email: _____		
	Mother's Education Level: <input type="checkbox"/> High School Completion/GED or Lower <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor Degree (4 years or higher) Father's Education Level <input type="checkbox"/> High School Completion/GED or Lower <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor Degree (4 years or higher)		
	Check any services your family receives: FREE School Lunch _____ Reduced School Lunch _____		
Please initial the line for last year's TAXABLE FAMILY INCOME after deductions. <small>(This is not your Adjusted Gross Income- This can be found on Form 1040-line 43; Form 1040A- line 27; Form 1040EZ- line 6).</small>			
_____ \$0.00-\$18,210 _____ \$37,651- \$44,130		Total Number of family members (Living at home including applicant) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5+	
_____ \$18,211-\$24,690 _____ \$44,131- \$50,610			
_____ \$24,691- \$31,170 _____ \$50, 611- \$57,090			
_____ \$31,171- \$37,650 _____ \$57,091- \$63,570			
<u>OR</u>			
I / We declare that no federal income tax was filed for the last tax period because my gross income was insufficient to require filing. Please check your form of income:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare/Social Services <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Consent and Information	Parent Consent and Information for Student Participation TRIO Talent Search		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At this time, I authorize the TRIO Talent Search Program to contact and request information from, as well as share information with my child's school, teachers, and counselors. At this time I, grant permission for the release of my child's school records, transcripts, financial aid awards, and other materials necessary for participation in the program such as campus location information from PEIMS as submitted to the Texas Education Agency, and all other achievement records to the Western Texas College TRIO Talent Search Program. I grant permission to the TRIO Talent Search Program to provide (over the counter medication) to my son/daughter for any minor illness that they may encounter while at a TRIO Talent Search sponsored event. I give permission to the Western Texas College TRIO Talent Search Program to arrange transportation for my son/daughter, to and from TRIO Talent Search sponsored events, in vans, buses, or other vehicles driven or arranged by the Western Texas College TRIO Talent Search Program and seek medical assistance in the case of an accident. I give my son/daughter permission to be interviewed and photographed by digital, still photo film, or video recorder by TRIO Talent Search for use on radio, TV, printed media, social sites, or in project documentation and promotional materials. Our signatures below indicate our commitment to the TRIO Talent Search Program. I consent to my child using the internet and other technology and accept responsibility for appropriate use thereof. 		
	I understand that TRIO Talent Search is a Federal Funded program authorized by the U.S. Department of Education. I also understand that the information I have provided will be used to document my eligibility for the TRIO Talent Search Program. I understand that the information provided on this application will be held confidential by the TRIO Talent Search Staff.		
	I certify that all the information I have provided is true and accurate.		
Student Signature: _____ DATE: _____ Parent's Signature: _____ DATE: _____			