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Educational Talent Search

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What is Talent Search?

Talent Search is a program fully funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to help students graduate from high school, and then go on to college. It is not a recruitment program. The goal is to get students to go to whichever college is best for them. During the school year, the Talent Search coordinators visit program schools and meet with participants either in groups or individually.

What services are provided by Talent Search?

A variety of services are provided. Examples include the following:

- Goal Setting
- Career Exploration
- Field Trips and Campus Tours
- Time Management Skills
- Tutoring
- Life Skills Training
- Information on Educational Opportunities after High School
- Assistance with Admission, Scholarship and Financial Aid Applications

What does it cost?

All services are provided FREE OF CHARGE.

How do you become a participant?

You must attend one of the target schools including: Carney, Cleveland, Davenport, Ponca City, Ripley and Yale.

The application packet must be completed and returned to the Talent Search office. There is no GPA requirement, but a copy of your **transcript or most recent report card must be attached**. Don't forget the signatures of the student as well as a parent or guardian!

What about the privacy of the information in the packet?

Talent Search understands concern about the private information requested in the application packet. The income information requested is required by the U.S. Department of Education in order to determine eligibility. **ALL information obtained by the Talent Search staff is kept strictly confidential, in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974.**

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Application for Participation

Student Information:

Name: Last Name First Name MI

Address: Street/Box City State Zip Code

Phone: County:

Date of Birth: Age: Gender: Male Female
Month/ Day/ Year

STUDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

U.S. Citizen? Yes No (If No, please attach required documentation of Permanent Residency)

What is Your Marital Status? Single Married Divorced Separated

Do You Have Children? Yes No If Yes, How Many Children? Ages

With Whom Do You Live? (Please check all that apply and list names)

- Checkboxes for Natural Mother, Natural Father, Step-Mother, Step-Father, Guardian, Foster Parent, Sibling, and other categories.

Racial/Ethnic Origin: (please check one)

- Checkboxes for African-American, White, American Indian, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Other.

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Student Information Continued:

Is English Your Primary Language? Yes No (for statistical purposes only)
If no, do you have difficulty writing, speaking, or understanding English? Yes No

What Language is Spoken at Home? _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade: 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th
 High School Graduate High School Drop-out GED Recipient

Current GPA: _____ **What grading scale is used?** 4.0 5.0

Do You Work? Yes No If Yes, Where and Number of Hours per Week _____

Are you currently a participant in another TRIO program such as Upward Bound? Yes No (If yes, you must obtain a release from the director of that TRIO program to be eligible for consideration for the Talent Search Program.)

I have submitted an application for the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) Yes No

I am eligible to receive free or reduced lunches Yes No

Plans After High School (check only one):

Attend a college or university Attend a vocational or technical school Join the military Undecided

Indicate any tests you have taken and the score you achieved: (High school students only)

ACT score: _____ date: _____ SAT score: _____ date: _____ I have not taken either test

I certify that all information given by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore:

- I give the OSU Educational Talent Search my permission to receive copies of my educational records and other materials necessary for participation in the program and to release educational records to educational institutions.
- Further permission is granted to request academic and financial aid information and records from any and all postsecondary institutions to track college progress;
- I understand that all of my records will be kept in confidence and in accord with the Privacy Act of 1974.

Student's Signature

Date

PARENT INFORMATION: *(completed by parent or guardian with whom applicant lives):*
ALL INFORMATION WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____
Street/Box City State Zip Code

Phone Number Where Parent/Guardian can be reached: (_____) _____

Parent E-Mail Address (if we may contact you via email): _____

Please indicate the highest level of education completed by each parent/guardian:

Mother:

- Elementary School Some High School High School/GED Unknown
- 2-year College Institution: _____ Degree: _____
- 4-Year College Institution: _____ Degree: _____

Father:

- Elementary School Some High School High School/GED Unknown
- 2-year College Institution: _____ Degree: _____
- 4-Year College Institution: _____ Degree: _____

Required Income Information

➔➔ Attach a copy of last year's U.S. Federal Tax Return or complete section below ⬅️⬅️

U.S. Tax Return Filing Status:

- Married, filing jointly Married, filing separate Head of Household Single Did Not File

Taxable income for prior year: \$ _____ <<OR>> **Adjusted Gross Income for prior year:** \$ _____
Number of exemptions _____

Additional Sources of Income:

- Food Stamps Public Assistance Social Security Retirement Veteran's Benefits
- Aid to Family with Dependent Children Unemployment TANF Other: _____

I certify that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give my permission for the OSU Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid Educational Talent Search Program to have access to any school or agency records of (student's name) _____ to determine eligibility for the program and to monitor the status and progress in secondary school. Further permission is granted to request all information and records from any and all postsecondary institutions in order to track college progress. I understand that all records will be kept in strict confidence and in accord with the Privacy Act of 1974. I also give permission for my child's photograph and/or name to be used in connection with the activities of Talent Search including, but not limited to, newspapers, television, website, etc.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

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STUDENT'S SELF ASSESSMENT

The answers to the following questions do not impact your admission to the OSU Educational Talent Search program. The assessment will be used only to determine programming.

Name: _____

Current Grade: _____

Date: _____

Please check the box that best describes you:

1. Going to college after high school

- Is something I have seriously considered.
- Occasionally crosses my mind.
- Is something I've never considered.

2. During my lifetime, I plan to complete the following educational level:

- Graduate/professional study (doctor, lawyer, etc.)
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent (4-year degree)
- Associate's degree (2-year degree)
- Technical school or certificate program (welding, cosmetology, etc.)
- Military
- Other: _____

3. What could keep you from completing the educational level above?

- Accepting a good job
- Entering military service
- Would cost too much money/could not afford it
- Getting married
- Lack of interest
- Not smart enough
- Poor reading, math or study skills
- Birth of a child
- I am certain I will complete the program.

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4. In what extracurricular activities to you participate?

- Sports Clubs _____
- Art Volunteer Work_____
- Music Drama
- Other_____

5. Please check the best description of your grades:

- All A's A's and B's All B's B's and C's All C's C's and below
- Most difficult subject_____ Easiest subject_____

6. Please check the box that describes your opinion of the following statements:

	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree
I ask teachers and/or counselors for help when I need assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It would be very hard for me to be a "B" student in an educational program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am sometimes looked up to by others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If I run into problems concerning school, I have someone who would listen and help me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In groups where I am comfortable, I am often looked to as a leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Once I start something, I finish it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I believe strongly in something, I act on it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My friends and relatives don't feel I should further my education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good luck is more important than hard works for success.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People like me don't have a very good chance to be successful in life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every time I try to get ahead, something or somebody stops me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I often feel discouraged because teachers go so fast.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My mother/stepmother wants me to be one of the best students in my class.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My father/stepfather wants me to be one of the best students in the class.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Both my parents believe that education after high school is very important to me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have difficulty putting my ideas in writing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have difficulty in talking with others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I believe I am among the smartest when compared to others my age.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. I would like help with (mark all that apply):

- Study Skills Career Development Scholarships College Admissions Self-Esteem Goal Setting
- Motivation Decision Making Financial Aid Course Selection Writing Skills Test-Taking Skills
- PSAT Preparation ACT Preparation Math Skills College/Vo-Tech Information
- The following classes: _____

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8. Please briefly tell us why you want to be in Talent Search:

9. What are your plans for after graduation? (9th grade and up only)

Attend a college/university. List your top four choices and indicate if you need information about these colleges and/or if you have already applied for admission.

College/University/Vo-Tech Name (Top choices)	Need Information?	Already Applied?
1.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
4.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Major or Career Interest: _____ Undecided

Join the Military. Please list the branch you are interested in joining: _____

10. What tests have you taken, and what are your scores?

- SAT Date: _____ Score: _____
- ACT Date: _____ Score: _____