Educational Talent Search Application
Western Kentucky University

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Educational Talent Search, a TRiO program, is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Apply online

STUDENT INFORMATION—*Please print*

Name _____
| Last | First | Middle Initial | Prefer to be called |

Mailing Address _____
| Street/PO Box | City | State | Zip Code |

Student Cell Phone _____   Student Home Phone _____

Email _____

Sex: ☐ Female   ☐ Male   Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No   If not a citizen, do you have Permanent Residency status? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current School _____   Current grade _____

Are you currently participating in any other college preparation programs? (i.e. Upward Bound, GEAR UP, etc.)   ☐ Yes   ☐ No
If yes, please list the program. _____

Please check which services/activities you feel would help you the most as you prepare for college.

☐ Tutoring   ☐ Academic Advising   ☐ College Exam Preparations
☐ Scholarship/Financial Aid Info   ☐ Finance/Money Management   ☐ College Admissions Assistance
☐ Career Information   ☐ Communication Skills   ☐ Study Skills
☐ College Visits   ☐ Character Development   ☐ Leadership Development
☐ Cultural Awareness & Diversity   ☐ Decision Making   ☐ Conflict Resolution

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Please help us learn more about you, a potential ETS participant, by answering the following questions.

1. What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school?

☐ Work   ☐ Community College   ☐ 4-year Institution (College or University)
☐ Military   ☐ Trade/Vocational School   ☐ Other

2. What career(s) are you interested in? _____
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If accepted into the Educational Talent Search Program, I agree to meet with my ETS Coordinator(s), attend meetings, do my best academically and prepare to enter postsecondary education after high school.

Student Signature _____   **Date** _____

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Confidential Eligibility Information

PARENT/FAMILY INFORMATION—*To be completed by parent(s) or guardians(s)*

The Educational Talent Search program is funded to serve a percentage of students who meet the eligibility criteria of low-income, first generation potential college student status meaning neither parent has a four-year college degree. In meeting this federal regulation we ask that you provide the following information used to determine eligibility. The information you provide is strictly confidential and used solely for the purpose of determining program eligibility.

1) Does either parent/guardian with whom the student lives have a four-year college degree? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2) Does anyone in the household QUALIFY for:

☐ Free School Lunch	☐ WIC
☐ Reduced Price School Lunch	☐ Supplemental Security Income
☐ Food Stamps	☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

3) Total number of people in household, including yourself (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10—or more

4) What was your household's taxable income last year? (NOTE: Do <u>not</u> use gross or net income, but **taxable income** which is typically much lower. Please review line <u>15 on your IRS 1040 Individual Income Tax Return</u> to find this information—indicate range below with a check mark)

☐ No taxable income	☐ $32,461 - $40,980	☐ $58,021 - $66,540	☐ $83,581 or above
☐ $1 - $23,940	☐ $40,981 - $49,500	☐ $66,541 - $75,060	
☐ $23,941 - $32,460	☐ $49,501 - $58,020	☐ $75,061 - $83,580	(updated 1/13/26)

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Relation to Student: _____

Mailing Address_____
                        Street/PO Box   City   State   Zip Code

Phone (_____)_____ ☐ mobile ☐ home ☐ work   Phone (_____)_____ ☐ mobile ☐ home ☐ work

Email Address _____

Please list an emergency contact (please provide someone other than primary caregiver)

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone (_____)_____ Relation _____

RELEASE OF RECORDS: The "Release of Records" is required for program participation. Records will be used to assess student needs, monitor progress, document eligibility, and for reporting purposes. This information is confidential and protected under the General Education Provision Act. ETS will not release any confidential information without your written consent.

I hereby grant permission for the Educational Talent Search program at Western Kentucky University to have access to educational records of (name of student) _____ including (but not limited to) grades, test scores, free/reduced price lunch eligibility, class schedules, postsecondary enrollment, and attendance for the duration of the student's enrollment in the WKU Educational Talent Search Program.

This also authorizes the postsecondary institutions to release to the WKU Educational Talent Search program copies of college academic enrollment and student aid award information.

I authorize the use of my child's photo by ETS for publicity and recruitment purposes for the duration of the student's involvement in the ETS program. If you do <u>NOT</u> authorize ETS to use your child's photo for media purposes, please check this box ☐.

I, the undersigned, confirm that all the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and feel that my child has shown potential for success in a postsecondary education program. My child has my support in this endeavor as he/she strives to be engaged in achieving success through ETS.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____