Mission Statement:

Educational Talent Search at Western Kentucky University engages qualified youth with limited financial resources in grades eight through twelve in developmentally appropriate activities that will encourage persistence in high school, enrollment in postsecondary education and a lifelong pursuit of learning in order to be productive citizens of a global society.
Educational Talent Search Application

STUDENT INFORMATION—Please print (To be completed by student ONLY)

Social Security # _______ - _______ - _______ (Your Social Security number is required to process this application).

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 _____________________________________________

Gender: □ Female □ Male

U.S. Citizen? □ Yes □ No

Date of Birth _______ / _______ / _______

Current School ____________________________

Current grade ____________________________

How did you learn about the ETS program? □ Classroom presentation

□ Teacher □ School/Guidance Counselor

□ Friend/ETS Participant ____________________________ □ Other ____________________________

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. ______________________________________________________

ETS SERVICES

The following services will be provided to you from 9th to 12th grade as an ETS participant:

Tutoring College Admissions Assistance Character Development

Academic Advising Career Information Academic Counseling

College Exam Preparations Communication Skills Cultural Awareness & Diversity

Scholarship/Financial Aid Info Study Skills Decision Making

Financial Literacy College Visits Conflict Resolution

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

□ Military □ Trade/Vocational School □ Other

2. If selected, how can ETS help you meet your goals after high school graduation?

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 ______________________
CONFIDENTIAL
Eligibility Information

PARENT/FAMILY INFORMATION (To be completed by parent(s) or guardian(s) ONLY)

Please list name(s) of whom student lives with MOST of the time:

- Mother ____________________________
- Father ____________________________
- Stepmother _________________________
- Stepfather __________________________
- Legal Guardian(s) ___________________
- Foster Parent(s) ____________________
- Other ______________________________

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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.

Does either parent/guardian listed above have a four-year college degree? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does anyone in the household QUALIFY for:

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

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

What was your household’s taxable income last year? (NOTE: Do not use gross or net income, but taxable income which is typically much lower. Please review line 43 of the IRS 1040/line 27 of the 1040a/or line 6 of the 1040EZ to find this information—indicate range below with a check mark)

- No taxable income
- $1 - $17,655
- $17,656 - $23,895
- $23,896 - $30,135
- $30,136 - $36,375
- $36,376 - $42,615
- $42,616 - $48,855
- $48,856 - $55,095
- $55,096 - $61,335
- $61,336 or above

PARENT/FAMILY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Please check ETS services your child may need and/or want: (Check all that apply)

- Tutoring
- Academic Advising
- College Exam Preparations
- Scholarship/Financial Aid Info
- Financial literacy
- College Visits
- College Admissions Assistance
- Career Information
- Communication Skills
- Study Skills
- Academic Counseling
- Character Development
- Cultural Awareness & Diversity
- Decision Making
- Conflict Resolution
- Other ____________________________

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**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.  □ Yes  □ No

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 _______________

Printed Name ___________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address __________________________________________________________________

Street/PO Box __________  City ______ State _______ Zip Code

Cell Phone ___________________________  Home Phone _____________________________

Work Phone ___________________________

Email Address __________________________

The best way to contact me is:  □ Home Phone  □ Work Phone  □ Cell Phone  □ Email  □ US Mail

Please list an emergency contact (please provide someone other than primary care giver):

Emergency Contact Name ___________________________   Phone ___________________________

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[ ] Official Participant  [ ] File Pending  [ ] Waiting List _________  [ ] Not eligible _________  (Reason Code)

[ ] FG/LI  [ ] FG  [ ] LI  [ ] OTHER

Recruitment date _______________ Application mailed _______________ 2nd Contact _______________

App rec’d/congrats sent _______________ No further contact/participation denied _______________  (Date and Reason Code)