The University of Texas at El Paso’s Educational Talent Search Program, one of the Federal TRIO Programs, is authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Talent Search identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, college admissions, and financial aid counseling for students and parents. All participants are advised to enroll in a post-secondary educational institution of their choice. Locally, the program assists students at Bowie and Jefferson High Schools and Guillen and Henderson Middle Schools. The program is designed to motivate and support students by offering an array of educational opportunities. The success of our students will impact not only their families but the community as a whole. Our goal is to leave a lasting impression on our students and instill in them the confidence needed to succeed not only in El Paso, but wherever their endeavors take them.

All applicants must submit proof of eligibility in order to participate, including:

1. Verification of income
2. Signed statement of parents’ education
3. Proof of citizenship, permanent residency or
4. Other documentation from INS proving that the student is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose.
5. Copy of Social Security card

El programa de Educational Talent Search, uno de los tres programas de TRIO, fue autorizado por el Título IV de la Acta de Educación Superior de 1965. Este programa identifica y ayuda alumnos en circunstancias económicamente difíciles que tienen la capacidad de lograr una educación universitaria. El programa instruye a los estudiantes y sus padres en cómo mejorar en sus estudios, prepararse para inscripción en universidad con la ayuda económica necesaria y lograr carreras de profesionistas. A todos los participantes se les convida que se reciban de la preparatoria y sigan con estudios en la universidad que prefieran. Localmente, el programa ayuda alumnos en las escuelas de Bowie, Jefferson, Guillen y Henderson. El programa está diseñado para motivar y apoyar a los estudiantes, ofreciéndoles oportunidades educativas. El éxito de nuestros estudiantes impactará no solo a sus familias sino también a la comunidad entera. Nuestra meta es dejar una impresión profunda en nuestros estudiantes y inculcarles la confianza necesaria para que puedan triunfar no solo en El Paso sino en cualquier lugar donde sus esfuerzos los dirijan.

Todos los candidatos debe presentar la siguiente documentación para poder calificar.

1. Verificación de ingresos
2. Declaración firmada que indica el nivel de educación de padres
3. Prueba de ciudadanía, mica de residencia permanente
4. Otros documentos de inmigración que comprueban que el estudiante está legalmente en los EE.UU. a largo plazo
5. Copia de tarjeta de Seguro Social
APPLICATION INFORMATION: The Educational Talent Search program serves citizens and permanent residents of the United States. If you are a permanent resident, submit your Alien Registration Number. For classification purposes only, it is important that you inform us of your ethnic background.

STUDENT’S INFORMATION:

1. Full Name: ___________________________________________  2. Sex: ( ) M    ( ) F
3 Address: ______________________________ City, State, Zip: _____________ ___________  4. Age: _________
5. Home Phone:   ____________________  2nd Phone number: ______________  6. Date of Birth _____/_____/_____
7. Social Security #:  ______________________ Student I.D. #:  __________________________
8. Citizenship:  ( ) U.S. Citizen    ( ) Eligible Non-citizen #A: __________________   ( )  Other  ______________
9. Ethnic Background:   ( ) Hispanic ( ) Asian/Pacific Islander ( ) Black/African American  ( ) American Indian/Native American   ( )  Other  ______________
12. Do you receive:    Reduced Lunch _____ Free Lunch ________ Neith er Program  __________

PARENTS’ INFORMATION:

1. What language do your parents prefer to receive information in?    English ________    Spanish ________
2. Do you live with your parent(s) guardian(s)?    Yes _____ No _____ Have my own house __________
Please provide the following information about the person(s) you live(d) with before turning 18?
Name/Female Head of Household _________________ Name/Male Head of Household  ____________________
Relationship to You ____________________________ Relationship to You ____________________________
Highest Education Level _________________________ Highest Education Level _________________________
Place of Work  _______________________________ Place of Work  _______________________________

With a few exceptions, you are entitled on your request to be informed about the information the University of Texas at El Paso collects about you. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to have the University of Texas at El Paso correct information about you that is held by us and that is incorrect, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the University of Texas System Business Procedures Memorandum 32. The information that the University of Texas at El Paso collects will be retained and maintained as required by Texas records retention laws (Section 441.180 et seq. of the Texas Government Code) and rules. Different types of information are kept for different periods of time.

The University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent search Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability or sexual orientation in student acceptance procedures or provisions of services.

TRIO Programs (Upward Bound Programs, Educational Talent Search Programs, Student Support Services Programs, Upward Bound Math Science Programs, Veteran’s Upward Bound Programs, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Programs and Educational Opportunity Centers) are one hundred percent federally funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 by the United States Department of Education.
UTEP EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH
RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Participant: (Name and Address)  University: The University of Texas at El Paso
Department: Educational Talent Search Program

Description of Activity or Trip:

UTEP Educational Talent Search field trips may include but are not limited to Diablos Baseball games, Viva El Paso, movies, swimming, Ropes courses, retreats, museum tours, and bus trips to visit regional colleges and universities.

DATE(S): September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2013

I am the Parent/Guardian of the above-named Participant who is under eighteen years of age and am fully competent to sign this Agreement.

I give permission for Participant to participate in the above-referenced Activity or Trip. I acknowledge that the nature of the Activity or Trip may expose Participant to hazards or risks that may result in Participant’s illness, personal injury or death and I understand and appreciate the nature of such hazards and risks.

In consideration of Participant being permitted to participate in the Activity or Trip, I hereby accept all risk to Participant’s health and of his/her injury or death that may result from such participation and I hereby release the University of Texas at El Paso, its governing board, officers, employees and representatives from any liability to Participant, Participant’s personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to Participant’s property and for any and all illness or injury to Participant’s person, including Participant’s death, that may result from or occur during Participant’s participation in the Activity or Trip, whether caused by negligence of the University, its governing board, officers, employees, or representatives, or otherwise. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the University and its governing board, officers, employees, and representatives from liability for the injury or death of any person(s) and damage to property that may result from Participant’s negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the described Activity or Trip.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT TO BE A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR PARTICIPANT’S INJURY OR DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PARTICIPANT’S PROPERTY THAT OCCURS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE DESCRIBED ACTIVITY OR TRIP AND IT OBLIGATES ME TO INDEMNIFY THE PARTIES NAMED AND FOR ANY LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY PARTICIPANT’S NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION.

_____________________________________________ Date: _________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian

_____________________________________________
Address, if different than Participant’s

_____________________________________________ Date: _________________
Witness
Note to the student parent:

The University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search Program is required to follow the performance and progress of our participation through their college career. This form will be mailed to middle school, high school and college registrars allowing our program staff to receive copies of your school records for tracking and reporting purposes. This form as dated below will serve as the only records release form valid from the date signed until the completion of your postsecondary program of study.

Note to middle school, high school and college registrars:

The University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search Program is mandated by the U.S. Department of Education to follow the progress of program participants through their middle school, high school and college careers. This form as dated below is the only release form to be used by our program. Due to the transient nature of students it will become nearly impossible to seek annual updates of this form. The signatures below indicate that they realize this form (as dated below) will be used for many years in the future once they complete our college preparatory program. Thank you for honoring our request for information.

Student/Family Agreement:

I understand that as part of the University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search Program selection process, my child’s school records (including transcripts, report cards, financial aid status, standardized test score and academic progress reports) may need to be examined by Educational Talent Search Program staff. I also understand that if accepted, the Educational Talent Search Program Math and Science Regional Center will continue to require this information throughout the duration of my high school and college careers.

I hereby give permission to the University of Texas at El Paso Educational Talent Search Program request the following information from my child’s middle school, high school or institution of post secondary education at this time or anytime in the future as needed and extend its validity from the date signed until the completion of their post secondary program of study.

1.) School Records 4.) Student’s status and performance with the institution
2.) Standardized test scores 5.) Student’s financial aid status
3.) Report cards/Transcripts 6.) Student’s current phone and mailing address
7.) Standardized test scores – TAAS, TAKS, PSAT, SAT, ACT

__________________________________  __________________________________________
Father/Legal Guardian Name (Please Print)  Father/Legal Guardian   Signature  Date

___________________________________  __________________________________________
Mother/Legal Guardian Name (Please Print)  Mother/Legal Guardian   Signature  Date

_________________________________  ___________________________________________
Student Name  (Please Print)  Student Signature    Date

_________________________________  ___________________________________________
Student’s Current High School   Student’s Current Middle School

University of Texas at El Paso
Educational Talent Search Program

SCHOOL RECORDS RELEASE FORM
University of Texas at El Paso

Educational Talent Search Program Needs Assessment Survey

This booklet contains a number of statements about student needs. Your answers will be helpful in determining future services offered through the ETS Program. Your answers are kept confidential; therefore, please answer all questions truthfully.

Thank you!

NAME: _______________________________________
SCHOOL: _____________________________________
ID#: _________________________________________
GRADE: _______________________________________

YES  NO  1. I need to get better grades in school
YES  NO  2. I need to develop stronger study habits
YES  NO  3. I need to learn how to take tests
YES  NO  4. I need to learn how to balance my time between school, play and house chores
YES  NO  5. I need to learn to understand what I read
YES  NO  6. I need to develop a better attitude toward learning
YES  NO  7. I need to be enrolled in more advance courses that will prepare me for college
YES  NO  8. I need to know more about high school graduation requirements
YES  NO  9. I need to learn how to talk to my teachers
YES  NO  10. I need to have my parents involved when I make my career decision
YES  NO  11. I need to learn more about financial aid for college
YES  NO  12. I need to learn more about college admission requirements
YES  NO  13. I need to understand the college application process
YES  NO  14. I need to set goals in my life
YES  NO  15. I need to experience more cultural activities

ESSAY – In your own words, please tell us about yourself, your educational and lifetime goals, and why you want to join the Educational Talent Search Program. (Attach additional page if needed.)
INCOME and FIRST GENERATION INFORMATION
You must complete all portions for this application to be considered, if the answer is zero, use 0.

Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ Student’s Birthday: ______________________

Which parent(s)/guardian does the child live with?
(Circle) Both _______ Mother only _______ Father only _______

Neither (explain) _______ Mother and Guardian _______ Father and Guardian _______

Does mother have a Bachelor’s Degree? Yes _______ No _______

Does father have a Bachelor’s Degree? Yes _______ No _______

Does your child qualify for free or reduced school lunch? (Circle) Yes _______ No _______

Please use last year’s tax return. Year of tax return ___________ I/we claimed _______ exemptions.

Filing Status: Single _______ Married, filing jointly _______ Married, filing separately _______ Head of household _______

My exact taxable income from Form 1040, line 40, Form 1040A, line 27, or Form 1040EZ, line 6 was $______________ *

*if you filed a return, DO NOT LEAVE THIS BLANK. If the answer is zero, use 0.

I did not and will not file a Federal Income Tax Return, IRS form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ for ____________ (last year)

for the reason listed below. I will, if requested, provide confirmation for the Internal Revenue Service to this effect.

_________ Family household’s annual taxable income was less than the amount required for filing.

_________ Received no taxable income. Check all that apply:

_______ Social Security _______ Monthly $______________ Annually $______________

_______ Child Support _______ Monthly $______________ Annually $______________

_______ Foster Care Support Payment _______ Monthly $______________ Annually $______________

_______ Public Assistance (TAFI or other) _______ Case Number: ______________________

_______ Other _______ Monthly $______________ Annually $______________

For all Parents: I certify that the information on this form and any attachments are true, complete and accurate

to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Signature_________________________________________ Date____________________

PLEASE CHECK ALL OF THE SERVICES YOU WOULD LIKE YOU CHILD TO RECEIVE

I would like my child to receive help with: _______ Self-esteem/social skills _______ Reading/writing skills

_______ Study skills and habits _______ PSAT/ACT/SAT preparation _______ Planning high school/college classes

_______ Goal setting/decision making _______ Scholarships, financial aid, admissions _______ Career information

_______ Organization/time management skills _______ A class (tutoring) _______ Communication/listening skills

_______ Organization/time management skills _______ Planning high school/college classes _______ Scholarship, financial aid, admissions

Does your child plan to go to college after he/she graduates? Yes____ No____ Not Sure_____

What careers and jobs interest your child the most?