
Northwest-Shoals Community College

Educational Talent Search

Tuscumbia Project



PROVIDING HOPE & OPPORTUNITY
IN EDUCATION

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WHAT IS EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH?

Educational Talent Search is a program designed to help selected students finish their education. Its purpose is to assist 6th-12th grade students in persisting through high school, graduating, and enrolling in college or vocational/training schools after high school. Secondary or postsecondary school dropouts are also assisted in re-enrolling in school, or in obtaining a GED.

Services provided by Educational Talent Search are "Free." Trained staff visit area schools to provide personal development activities, academic counseling, and encouragement.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The following criteria serve as a guideline for determining a student's eligibility for the Educational Talent Search Program:

- Citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- Family income after taxes falls within the Federal Income Guidelines. Applicants must furnish income information
- Neither parent/legal guardian with whom the applicant lives completed a 4-year university degree before the applicant's 18th birthday
- Academic potential
- At least 11 years of age
- Needs one or more of the services offered by the program.

An application must be completed in full before a student can be selected to participate.

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH HELPS YOU TO ...

- Prepare yourself to complete high school and enroll in a postsecondary program
- Learn about careers available to you through postsecondary education
- Apply for college and financial aid
- Complete your education if you have dropped out of high school or stopped attending college before completing your degree.

**EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH
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SERVES 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
STUDENTS AT:**

Colbert and Lawrence County Schools

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

1. **Academic Advising**
 - Study and Test Taking Skills
 - Goal Setting/Decision Making Skills
 - Course and Degree Selection
 - Tutoring
2. **Career Exploration Activities**
 - Career Assessments
 - Career Fairs
 - Career Information
3. **College Enrollment Assistance**
 - College Planning
 - College Visits
 - College Admission
 - Resume Writing for Scholarships
 - Reviews before ACT Test
4. **Financial Aid Workshops for Students and/or Parents**
 - Grant/Loan Information
 - Scholarship Information
 - Assistance in Filing for FAFSA (Pell Grant)
 - Assistance in Completing Scholarship Applications
5. **Personal Development Activities**
 - Motivational Programs
 - Stress/Time Management
 - Job Skills/Interviewing/Resume Writing
 - Mentoring

DO YOU KNOW A STUDENT WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH?

Information may be obtained from the Educational Talent Search Office (NW-SCC, Tuscumbia Project) at the following address:

**Educational Talent Search - Tuscumbia Project
Northwest-Shoals Community College
P.O. Box 2545
Muscle Shoals, AL 35662
(256) 331-5317 or 1-800-645-8967, Ext. 5317**

Tuscumbia Project Educational Talent Search is a Federal TRIO program and is 100% federally funded for \$256,872.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the official policy of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and Northwest-Shoals Community College that no person in Alabama shall on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, or age, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment. Northwest-Shoals Community College complies with nondiscriminatory regulations under Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX Education Amendment of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Women and members of minority groups are encouraged to participate in its activities.

Northwest-Shoals Community College is committed to a Drug Free Learning and Work Environment through Education, Intervention, and Enforcement.



NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM APPLICATION

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PART A: APPLICANT COMPLETES PART A. (Please Print)

School: _____ Expected Graduation Year: _____

Name: _____ SS#: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ Phone: _____ Email address: _____

(Please Circle) Sex: Male Female Current Grade: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

CHECK ALL OF THE SERVICES YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

I need help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Career Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress/Time Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> PSAT/ACT Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Study/Test Taking Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning High School/College Classes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goal Setting/Decision Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship, Financial Aid, Admission | |

What are your plans after graduating from high school? 4-year College 2-year College Tech College Work
 Military Other _____

What careers and jobs interest you most? _____

Date: _____ Applicant Signature: _____

This information is required to determine eligibility for the Educational Talent Search Program. It will be retained in confidential files in the Talent Search Office and will be used only to determine eligibility.

PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON WITH WHOM APPLICANT LIVES

(Please Circle One)

Mother/Guardian/Stepmother/Grandmother, etc. _____ Name _____ Job/Employer _____

Father/Guardian/Stepfather/Grandfather, etc. _____ Name _____ Job/Employer _____

According to the information provided above:

(Please Circle)

Did one or both parents (with whom the student lives) graduate from high school? Yes No

Did one or both parents (with whom the student lives) graduate from a university? Yes No

If so, name of College _____

Is the applicant (student) a U.S. citizen? Yes No OR Is the applicant (student) a permanent U.S. Resident? Yes No

What is the applicant's (student's) ethnicity?: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

What is the applicant's (student's) race? (You may choose one or more of the listed categories.)

American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

This section must be completed to be considered for the program.

Does applicant receive free lunch at school? Yes No 2009

What was your family's adjusted gross income on the 2008 Income Tax Return? _____

I did not and will not file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2008. _____

Number in household _____

Filing Status: Head of Household Married, filing separately Married, filing jointly Single

I hereby give my permission for the Educational Talent Search Program to obtain a copy of school transcripts and records, which include financial, academic, confidential information, as well as agency records and other relevant documents. Also, I give my permission for my child's name, photograph, work and/or statements to be used by ETS for promotional publicity and institutional purposes; and I give my permission for my child to go on field trips sponsored by ETS.

I certify that the above information, including all income, is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information provided will be held in the strictest confidence.

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Contract

If I am accepted as a participant in the Northwest-Shoals Community College Educational Talent Search Program, which has as its major objective, assistance with successful completion of high school, I agree to the following:

1. To follow my Student Success Plan as recommended by my Talent Search counselor or advisor.
2. To participate in meetings/seminars scheduled at my school.
3. To participate in scheduled individual academic counseling sessions.
4. To encourage my parents to attend an Educational Talent Search parents' meeting.

NOTE: If a participant is to fully gain from the services offered by Educational Talent Search, he/she should attend cultural activities, seminars, workshops, tutoring, academic counseling sessions, and college campus visits. All services offered by Educational Talent Search are contingent upon one another. Failure to fulfill contract agreement could result in termination from the program.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____
