



**EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH**  
**APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION**  
*A TRiO Project Fostering Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Last Name
Student's First Name
Middle Initial

2. \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
Student's Date of Birth
Social Security Number

3. Are you a U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No IF NO, please provide Resident Alien ID # \_\_\_\_\_

4. Ethnic/Racial Origin (Check one):  
 Black or African American (Non-Hispanic/Latino)
 American Indian/Alaskan Native (Non-Hispanic/Latino)  
 Hispanic or Latino of any race
 Nat. Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (Non-Hispanic/Latino)  
 White (Non-Hispanic/Latino)
 Asian (Non-Hispanic/Latino)  
 Two or more races (Non-Hispanic/Latino)
 Race or Ethnicity Unknown

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Mailing Address
City
State
Zip Code

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Cell Number
Student's E-mail
Social Media (Facebook)

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
Current School Attending
Location (City, State)
Current GPA
Student ID

8. Current Grade (Circle One): 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

9. \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's Name
Home Telephone Number
Parent's Cell Number

Accepted  Denied  Wait List

OFFICE USE ONLY

I agree to attend the activities of the Polk State College Educational Talent Search program. I agree to arrive on time for workshops and other events, to participate to the best of my ability and to contact my Talent Search academic advisor or Talent Search office, if I cannot attend the scheduled activities.

Authorization is given to the Polk State College Educational Talent Search program staff to meet with and advise the above named student at his/her school, during school hours. It is understood that it is the responsibility of the student to obtain and complete class work that is missed during these meetings. Permission is also given for Talent Search to use my child's image for promotional purposes in print and online sources.

Authorization is given to the Polk State College Educational Talent Search program for the release of information regarding my enrollment and/or post-secondary matriculation status. This information is for the purpose of compiling and reporting data to the United States Department of Education, Office of Post-secondary Education. I do hereby permit the Polk State College Educational Talent Search program to create a personal file to record pertinent facts regarding my eligibility in the Program, services requested and received, and placement in a post-secondary institution. I also agree to the release of any transcripts and test scores to Polk State College, including any score reports that Polk State College may request from the College Board or ACT.

L1+FG  L1  FG  Other

\_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date**

# EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH INFORMATION

The Polk State College Educational Talent Search program is a federal assistance program designed to promote post-secondary educational opportunities for selected individuals in Polk County. Thus, the work scope of Talent Search is educational in nature. As an educational program, Talent Search is required to determine the eligibility of all participants and maintain students' records. Under rules established by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), you are hereby notified that the program's student records and the information contained therein are kept confidential. You (and your parents, if you are under the age of 18) have the right to inspect the contents of your record. However, directory information concerning your participation in the program can be released to the public as a matter of course. This information is limited to name, grade level, schools attended, home address, date of birth, parents' name and address, phone number, and participation dates. The Polk State College Educational Talent Search program will release this information, unless notified in writing to withhold any and all such directory information.

Concerning the availability of services through the Educational Talent Search program, should the applicant/participant feel that his or her application was inappropriately reviewed and/or equal treatment in services was not provided, he or she is encouraged to file a complaint with the Polk State College Talent Search Director. The Director will review the complaint and render a resolution. However, if the determination is not to your satisfaction, you may contact the College President. Also, in matters concerning failure to comply with requirements of law, you have the right to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, individuals served by the Talent Search program are expected to comply with regulations pertaining to the receipt of federal assistance. As an example, a participant who is convicted of a drug-related activity must notify the Program after such conviction. Male participants who reach the age of 18 while participating in the Program must register with the Selective Service.

## FAMILY INFORMATION

1. Did either parent (or legal guardian) of the student graduate from an accredited four-year college and received a bachelor's degree?      Yes      No
  
2. What is the primary language spoken in your home? \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Total number of people living in your household: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. ***Please check your family's last year's taxable income (Tax Form 1040 Line 38) for the Adjusted Gross Income and check the proper box below:***

Yearly Income	Check one or write in the amount.
\$0 - \$17,505	
\$17,506 - \$23,595	
\$23,596 - \$29,685	
\$29,686 - \$35,775	
\$35,776 - \$41,865	
\$41,866 - \$47,955	
\$47,956 - \$54,045	
\$54,046 - \$60,135	
Higher than \$60,135	Write amount here:

***A copy of the student's Social Security card and proof of income must be submitted along with this application before the student can be accepted into the Educational Talent Search program.***

### Acknowledgement

By signing this form, the applicant and/or parents/guardians understand(s) the information conveyed and permits the receipt of Program services.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Today's Date**

**Please return your application to: Polk State College, Educational Talent Search, 999 Avenue H NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881-4299**  
 Phone: 863.297.1097 Fax: 863.297.1060

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