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What is College Talent Search?
College Talent Search (CTS) is a federally funded project that provides FREE college, career, and financial aid information to over 500 middle school and high school students each year. CTS identifies and selects students who demonstrate the potential for postsecondary enrollment and provides them with the motivation and support to enroll in a program of postsecondary education (college, university, technical or vocational school) after high school graduation.

Who Can Join CTS?
In order to be eligible for selection as CTS participants, students must meet the following criterion:

• Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien;
• Be at least 13 years of age and in grades 8-12;
• Qualify as Low Income and/or Potential First Generation College Graduate, neither parent has received a 4-year degree (applicants that do not meet this criteria may also be considered)
• Commit to participate in project activities
• Express a strong desire to go to college as defined by:
  ✓ Showing academic potential for postsecondary education
  ✓ Exhibiting good citizenship and leadership skills

How Does CTS Work?
College Talent Search encourages and prepares students for postsecondary enrollment by providing students in grades 8-12 with the following services/activities through group workshops and individual appointments held at designated target schools.

Please indicate which services you would be interested in:
College Awareness Activities  College & Career Field Trips
Career Exploration Activities  Individual Assistance with College Admissions,
Financial Aid Awareness Activities  Scholarship Applications & Financial Aid Forms
Scholarship Information

What are two goals you have for yourself?

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Student Application

Please fill out all questions. Incomplete applications will delay processing and student services. You may attach a copy of your child's most recent report card (8th grade) or Transcript (9th to 12th grade).

Last name_________________________________________ First name_________________________________________ MI _____

Social Security Number __________ - __________ - __________ Student ID_________________________________________

Physical Address_____________________________________________________________________________________

City________________________________________________________ Zip_________________________

Telephone (home)_________________ Cell(Parent)_________________ Cell(Student)_________________

Current Grade__________ School:__________________________________________ OR (check if) Not in School:

E-mail __________________________________ Date of Birth_____/_____/_______ Gender M F

Race: White Black/African American American Indian/Alaska Native

Hispanic/Latino Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Multi-racial Asian

Are you a U.S. citizen? Y N

If not, please provide Alien Registration Number:_________________________ (please attach copy of ID)

Are you enrolled in Upward Bound? Y N Are you a Veteran? Y N

With whom do you live? Both Parents Mother Father Legal Guardian Self

Name of Parent(s) /Legal Guardian(s): ________________________________________________________________

Mailing address (if different from above): ______________________________________________________________
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