

West Texas A&M University College Talent Search



What is College Talent Search?

College Talent Search (CTS) is a federally funded project hosted by West Texas A&M University. CTS 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
- Career Exploration Activities
- Financial Aid Awareness Activities
- Scholarship Information

- College & Career Field Trips
- Individual Assistance with College Admissions, Scholarship Applications & Financial Aid Forms

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 _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone (home) _____ Cell _____

Current Grade _____ School: _____ Not in School: _____

E-mail address _____ 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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ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Please fill out this section accurately. This information is **VERY IMPORTANT** and will determine student's acceptance into the program. CTS is required to verify that our participants meet federal criteria based on educational background and household income level. This information is required for all applicants. College Talent Search & West Texas A&M University ensure that all information provided will be held in confidence.

1.

Please check the highest education level completed by the applicant's biological/adoptive parents:

MOTHER

- Elementary
- High School
- 2-Year College
- 4-Year College
- Don't know

FATHER

- Elementary
- High School
- 2-Year College
- 4-Year College
- Don't know

2.

Please check the taxable income of the household.

- \$0 to \$16,335
- \$16,336 to \$22,065
- \$22,066 to \$27,795
- \$27,796 to \$33,525
- \$33,526 to \$39,255
- \$39,256 to \$44,985
- \$44,986 to \$50,715
- \$50,716 to \$56,445

Do you receive Free or Reduced Lunch? Y N

Number of people in your household: _____

CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURES

I/We certify that the information provided on the application is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

I/We authorize the release of my school test scores, school records, and free/reduced lunch records to CTS.

I/We authorize the release and exchange of student financial aid and admissions information from colleges and government to CTS.

I/We understand that the completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance in the CTS program.

I/We understand that the information provided on this application will be held in confidence by the CTS program.

I/We authorize the use of my image in CTS publications and media releases to the CTS program.

I/We understand that if I need accommodation for a disability to participate in CTS, or any of its scheduled activities, I must contact the director of College Talent Search at (806) 651-5350 at least 30 working days prior to the activity.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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