

Educational Talent Search Eastern Kentucky University

*serving 6th – 12th Grade students in
Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lee, and Madison Counties.*

TRIO *Scholars* Program

About Educational Talent Search

Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a federally funded college access program created in 1965 as part of the Higher Education Act. Annually, \$441,359 in funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Education to the Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) Educational Talent Search Program. ETS has been a part of Eastern Kentucky University since 1985. The program services 765 students in grades 6-12. ETS provides a variety of free services and activities available to participants, including academic, career, cultural and financial services. The purpose of the program is to encourage participants to graduate high school and enroll and complete their postsecondary education.

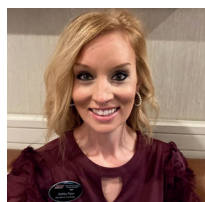


Mission Statement

The mission of the Educational Talent Search Program (ETS) at Eastern Kentucky University is to provide academic, career, and financial guidance and support to eligible students in our target communities (Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lee and Madison counties). Through individualized counseling, workshops, and comprehensive resources, our program seeks to empower and prepare students to successfully navigate the challenges and opportunities of higher education. ETS encourages program participants to successfully apply, enroll and graduate from a post-secondary education program. We strive to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment that values diversity, equity, and access, and to instill a lifelong love of learning in our participants. Our ultimate goal is to inspire and equip our students to achieve their full potential by continuing their education beyond high school in order to become active, engaged members of their communities and the broader society.

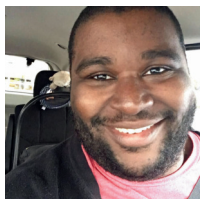
Meet the ETS Programming Staff

Andrea Brin, an alumna of the program, has worked for ETS going on 17 years. She is from Garrard County, and serves Garrard and Southern Madison Counties. Andrea has completed degrees in Criminal Justice and School Counseling. In her free time she enjoys: reading murder suspense novels, being outside, traveling and spending time with family and friends.



Ashley Flynn has worked for ETS going on 11 years. She is from Estill County, and serves Estill and Lee Counties. She has completed degrees in Communications and School Counseling. In her free time she enjoys, camping with her family and volunteering at church. Ashley is an alumni of this TRIO program and believes in the work she is doing.

George Rothwell has worked for ETS for over 5 years. Originally from Madison County, he serves Jackson and North Madison Counties. He was the first in his family to graduate from college, completing a degree in Geography and is currently working on his Masters Degree in Mental Health Counseling. In his free time he enjoys, spending time with his family and working in his church. George is a Trio Alumni.



Who may apply?

Anyone residing in Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lee and Madison Counties who has completed five years of elementary education or is at least 11 years of age and demonstrates the potential for success in education at the postsecondary level .

Services Provided

- Academic, financial, career, or personal counseling including advice on entry to post-secondary programs
- Career exploration and site visits
- Connections to Tutorial Services
- Information on postsecondary education
- Exposure to college campuses and cultural activities
- Information on student financial assistance
- Assistance in completing college admissions and financial aid applications
- Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams
- Mentoring Programs
- Field Trips, Day Camps, and Overnight travel to expose students to engaging cultural, educational, and career opportunities

OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m - 4:30 p.m.

December, May, June, and July
our office is closed on Fridays

OFFICE LOCATION

Telford House – Eastern Kentucky University
521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond, KY 40475

For more information on how students in grade 6th - 12th can participate in the Educational Talent Search Program, please contact any of our programming staff.

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Educational Talent Search Application
6th - 12th Grade students in Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lee, and Madison Counties

Eastern Kentucky University

Telford House - Eastern Kentucky University
521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond, KY 40475
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PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR



Student's Name Last First Middle Initial Preferred Name

Mailing Address Street/PO Box City State Zip Code

Student Cell Phone Student Email

Sex: Female Male Date of Birth Age

As of 09/01/2024 student attends School and is in the grade.

U.S. Citizenship

Is the Student a U.S. Citizen, National, Permanent Resident or in process of U.S. Citizenship? YES NO

Ethnic Background

Race/Ethnicity information is optional. The information you provide is for statistical purposes only; mark all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Caucasian/White
Hispanic/Latino Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Other

Does the student have the interest and ability to continue education beyond high school? YES NO

Are you currently participating in any other college preparation programs? YES NO

(i.e., Upward Bound, GEAR UP, etc.) If yes, please list the program.

What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school?

- Work Community College 4-year College or University Trade/Vocational School
Military Other

What career(s) or subject area are you interested in?

Please check which services/activities you feel would help you the most as you prepare for college.

- Academic Advising Communication Skills Financial Aid App. Assistance
Career Guidance & Exploration Conflict Resolution Leadership Development
Character Development Cultural Awareness & Diversity Scholarship Applications
College Admissions Assistance Decision Making Study Skills
College Exam Preparation Finance/Money Management Tutoring
College Visits

Other Middle/High School Age Students in the Household

Name School: Grade
Name School: Grade
Name School: Grade
Name School: Grade

Student Friend Referral

Name School: Grade
Name School: Grade
Name School: Grade

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Accept Date:
Reviewer 2:
Reviewer 1:
OTHER
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Confidential Eligibility Information

The Educational Talent Search program is funded to serve approximately 70% of students who meet the eligibility criteria of low-income, first-generation potential college student status; meaning neither parent has a four-year college degree. In meeting this federal regulation, we ask that you provide the following information used to determine eligibility. The information you provide is strictly confidential and used solely to determine program eligibility.

HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY INFORMATION

Student lives with ☐ 2 Birth or Adoptive Parents
☐ Court Appointed Guardian(s)

☐ 1 Birth or Adoptive Parent ☐ Birth and Stepparent
☐ Other _____

Are both biological parents living? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Are either biological parents currently serving in the military?
☐ YES ☐ NO

Are either biological parents incarcerated? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Are either biological parents military veterans?
☐ YES ☐ NO

Parent/Guardian #1

☐ Parent ☐ Guardian

Full Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

College Attended (if any): _____

Highest Level of Education: ☐ Did not complete High School
☐ High School Diploma ☐ Certificate ☐ Associates
☐ Bachelors ☐ Masters ☐ Doctorate

Parent/Guardian #2

☐ Parent ☐ Guardian

Full Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

College Attended (if any): _____

Highest Level of Education: ☐ Did not complete High School
☐ High School Diploma ☐ Certificate ☐ Associates
☐ Bachelors ☐ Masters ☐ Doctorate

INCOME VERIFICATION

Federal Regulations require verification of family income must be submitted as part of the application process. Using your **IRS Tax Form 1040 line 15**, please mark your **Household Taxable Income Range** below, please note, this is **NOT your Gross Income**:

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| ☐ 1. \$0 to \$22,590 | ☐ 6. \$54,870 to \$62,939 |
| ☐ 2. \$22,591 to \$30,660 | ☐ 7. \$62,940 to \$71,009 |
| ☐ 3. \$30,661 to \$38,730 | ☐ 8. \$71,010 to \$79,079 |
| ☐ 4. \$38,731 to \$46,800 | ☐ 9. Above \$79,080 |
| ☐ 5. \$46,801 to \$54,869 | |

MEDIA RELEASE: I grant the Educational Talent Search Program at Eastern Kentucky University, and persons acting through them, the right to use, reproduce, assign, and/or distribute photographs, films, videotapes, and sound recordings of my minor child/ without compensation for use in promotion/advertising, educational publications, electronic publishing, and personal memorabilia. Participant names may be published.

☐ Yes, I grant permission. ☐ No, I do not grant permission.

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE:

I, Print Parent/Guardian's Full Name give permission for Print Student's Full Name, my child/student to participate in the EKV Educational Talent Search Program at Eastern Kentucky University. I, the undersigned, confirm that all the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and feel that my child/student has shown potential for success in a postsecondary education program. My child/student has my support in this endeavor as they strive to be engaged in achieving success through ETS.

☐ Yes, I grant permission. ☐ No, I do not grant permission.

Total number living in the household: _____

Sources of Income – Check all that apply.

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| ☐ Employment | ☐ Unemployment |
| ☐ Free School Lunch | ☐ SNAP |
| ☐ Child Support | ☐ WIC |
| ☐ Disability Income | ☐ TANF |
| ☐ Social Security | ☐ Survivor Benefits |
| ☐ Retirement | ☐ Veterans Benefits |
| ☐ Other _____ | |

Educational Records Release: Records will be used to assess student needs, monitor progress, document eligibility, and for reporting purposes. This information is confidential and protected under the General Education Provision Act. I hereby grant permission for the Educational Talent Search program at Eastern Kentucky University to have access to the educational records of

Print Student's Full Name

including (but not limited to) grades, test scores, free/reduced price lunch eligibility, class schedules, attendance, behavior, medical, court orders, and postsecondary enrollment status for the duration of the student's enrollment in the EKV Educational Talent Search Program. I understand the Educational Records Release can be revoked at any time and ETS will not release any confidential information without my written consent.

☐ Yes, I grant permission. ☐ No, I do not grant permission.

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date