

Imperial Valley College

Educational Talent Search Program



Dear School Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Educational Talent Search Program. This shows you have plans to continue into post-secondary education. The Educational Talent Search Program can assist you with your educational goals, such as gaining admission into college.

Many students are interested in becoming participants of Educational Talent Search Program. Therefore, make sure every item on the application is complete and legible in order to process your application in a timely manner. Please take the proper time to complete the application and gather the supporting documentation needed for the application. Have your parent(s) assist you with completing the application.

Once you turn in your application, you should receive a notice from the program about your eligibility. If you have any questions regarding your application contact the Educational Talent Search staff at (760) 355-6109.

Documents needed to successfully complete the application:

- ☐ ETS Application to be completed by parent with appropriate signatures and initials.
- ☐ Parent's/legal guardian's **Federal Income Tax Return** (pages 1 and 2 only) for the year _____ or other income verification documents, such as Imperial Valley county Passport of Services, Social Security Benefits, etc. to complete the ETS application.
- ☐ MICA number (if applicable)

What is the Imperial Valley College Educational Talent Search Program?

Imperial Valley College Educational Talent Search is a federally funded program designed to help low income and potential first generation college students gain entry to and graduate from an institution of higher education. The goal of the program is to provide assistance to these students as a means to facilitate their post-high school educational objectives.

What Does Educational Talent Search Program Offer?

The Educational Talent Search Program staff is available to the student until he/she graduates from high school. The Program implements supportive services to meet each student individual academic needs. Some of the services provided include but are not limited to: Individual and Group Guidance, Career Exploration and Guidance, Workshops (financial aid, college admission application, and college entrance exams), Tutorial Assistance, University Field Trips, Cultural Tours, Assistance to re-enter High School, and Assistance to re-enter College.

Who Is Eligible?

Students attending one of the target schools (Brawley Union High School, Calexico High School, Calipatria High School, Central Union High School, Holtville High School, Imperial High School, Southwest High School and San Pasqual High School) and students who have dropped out of school or college are eligible to apply. Other eligibility requirements are:

1. Meet federal eligibility guidelines (see table below).
2. Possess academic potential for admission to postsecondary institutions.
3. Be in need of the assistance provided by the Educational Talent Search Program.



Federal TRiO Programs Current-Year Low-Income Level (Effective January 15, 2025 until further notice)

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$23,475	\$29,325	\$26,985
2	\$31,725	\$39,645	\$36,480
3	\$39,975	\$49,965	\$45,975
4	\$48,225	\$60,285	\$55,470
5	\$56,475	\$70,605	\$64,965
6	\$64,725	\$80,925	\$74,460
7	\$72,975	\$91,245	\$83,955
8	\$81,225	\$101,565	\$93,450
Each Additional Family Member	\$5,500	\$6,880	\$6,330

TRiO Works!

TRiO Educational Talent Search Grant is 100% funded by a U.S. Department of Education at \$441,937.00 annually. For more information visit: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount. The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The 2025 poverty guidelines are in effect as of January 15, 2025. Federal Register notice was published January 17, 2025.

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM
ADMISSION APPLICATION



(TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT(S); USE BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY)

The Educational Talent Search is a **FREE** program designed to provide supplemental services to students who wish to continue their studies after high school graduation.

DATE:		SCHOOL NAME:		
STUDENT ID #:		SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S NAME:		
STUDENT'S FIRST NAME:		MIDDLE NAME:		LAST NAME:
NUMBER & STREET / P.O. BOX:		CITY:	ZIP CODE:	HOME PHONE NUMBER:
EMERGENCY CONTACT # 1: Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone Number: _____		EMERGENCY CONTACT # 2: Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone Number: _____		
STUDENT'S PERSONAL E-MAIL ADDRESS (NO HIGH SCHOOL EMAILS ACCEPTED):			STUDENT'S CELL NUMBER:	
STUDENT'S SEX: ☐ Male ☐ Female	AGE:	BIRTH DATE:	BIRTH PLACE (CITY & STATE):	
STUDENT'S RACE-ETHNICITY: ☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander ☐ Black/African American ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native ☐ White ☐ Other, please specify: _____				
STUDENT'S CITIZENSHIP STATUS: ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Naturalized ☐ Resident Immigrant MICA #: _____		IS THE STUDENT IN THE I.C.O.E. MIGRANT PROGRAM? ☐ YES ☐ NO		IS THE STUDENT IN THE TRIO UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM? ☐ YES (student cannot join ETS) ☐ NO
STUDENT'S PREVIOUS SCHOOL ATTENDED: School Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____		IS THE STUDENT A FOSTER YOUTH? ☐ YES ☐ NO		IS STUDENT A HOMELESS YOUTH? ☐ YES ☐ NO
IS THE STUDENT IN RSP?: ☐ YES ☐ NO		IS THE STUDENT CLASSIFIED AS ENGLISH LEARNER (ESL / ELL / ELD)?: ☐ YES ☐ NO		
STUDENT'S CURRENT GRADE LEVEL: ☐ 9 TH ☐ 10 TH ☐ 11 TH				
DOES FATHER HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE? ☐ YES ☐ NO Check Degrees: ☐ Associate Degree ☐ Bachelors Degree ☐ Masters Degree		DOES MOTHER HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE? ☐ YES ☐ NO Check Degrees: ☐ Associate Degree ☐ Bachelors Degree ☐ Masters Degree		
FATHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____ CELL: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____		MOTHER'S NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____ CELL: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____		
FAMILY INCOME VERIFICATION				
FAMILY INCOME IS FOR: MOTHER ☐ FATHER ☐ BOTH PARENTS ☐ HOW MANY PERSONS LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD? _____				
FAMILY'S ANNUAL INCOME: \$ _____ Parent's Initial: _____ TAXABLE INCOME: \$ _____ Parent's Initials: _____ (From Federal Tax form (1040/A) Page 1, Line #9) (Confirmation of Income) (From Federal Tax form (1040/A) Page 1, Line #15) (Confirmation of Income)				
My family participates/receives the following:				
☐ Free/reduced lunch ☐ Social Security (Attach Income Verification Sheet) ☐ Public assistance (TANF/SNAP) (Attach Income Verification Sheet) ☐ Disability (Attach Income Verification sheet) ☐ Other Assistance: _____ (Attach Income Verification sheet)				
STUDENT'S MEDICAL INFORMATION				
PLEASE CHECK ANY PHYSICAL DISABILITY/HEALTH CONDITION THAT APPLIES TO THE STUDENT:				
☐ None ☐ Legally Blind ☐ Deaf/ Hearing Impaired ☐ Orthopedic ☐ Cardiac ☐ Epilepsy ☐ Diabetes ☐ Learning Disability ☐ Allergies ☐ Medications ☐ Other, please specify: _____ MEDICATION BEING TAKEN: _____ INSURANCE NAME & NUMBER: _____ ☐ NO INSURANCE				
Staff Use Only:	Staff Name:		Date Completed:	



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PUPIL INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____

School Name: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ Student ID #: _____

I hereby authorize the Educational Talent Search Program at Imperial Valley College to obtain transcripts and other academic cumulative records for the above-named student. I acknowledge that the transcripts and other academic records will provide the following information to the program: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; CREDITS COMPLETED AND CREDIT DEFICIENCIES; GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA); COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST SCORES TO INCLUDE THE ACT, SAT; CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE & PROGRESS (CAASPP) test scores, and other related results, if needed.

It is clearly understood that the information obtained from the transcripts, academic records, and other records (residency proof, income verification records, and social security card) will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility to the Program. Once the student is enrolled in the program the information will also be used to monitor the student's academic progress toward graduation, completion of college application, completion of financial aid application, successful transition to a post-secondary institution, and completion of post-secondary education. For the use of program field trips, a copy of the Emergency Contact Forms will also be provided to the Educational Talent Search Program for emergency purposes. It is also understood that the Educational Talent Search Program will not permit any other party to have access to such information, without the prior written consent of the pupil's parent/guardian.

I further authorize the continual release of attendance records, progress reports, end of each quarter grades, and official transcripts at the end of each semester. All records maintained by the Educational Talent Search Program are kept in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Please forward the above requested information to the following address:

Luis Torres , Project Director
Imperial Valley College
Educational Talent Search Program
380 E. Aten Road
Imperial, CA 92251
760-355-6109

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT:

As parent/legal guardian, I give my son/daughter consent to fully participate in college preparatory program activities offered by E.T.S. during the academic year, including the summer activities. I also grant permission to ETS to take photos of my child and use them to promote the program. I agree to accept any financial responsibility for medical expenses incurred by my son/daughter during his/her tenure in the Educational Talent Search Program. **Initials:** _____

As parent/legal guardian, I will also provide Talent Search with my son's/daughter's higher educational status in regards to his/her graduation status from a technical school, community/junior college, and/or 4 year university, in order to comply with the Federal TRiO Program's mandate, that 30% of our graduates will complete a program of postsecondary education within six years of high school graduation. Proof can be a copy of the program's certificate or university degree/diploma. **Initials:** _____

I certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate. I understand that E.T.S. may deny my child's admission if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

INITIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

(TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT ONLY)

Check all that apply in **Black or Blue PEN**

1. What grades do you usually earn during the school year? ☐ A's ☐ B's ☐ C's ☐ Below C
2. Which of these test(s) have you taken? ☐ PSAT score: _____ ☐ SAT score: _____ ☐ ACT score: _____ ☐ None
3. Have you taken any AP courses? YES ☐ NO ☐ Which one? _____ Scores: _____ Which one? _____ Scores: _____
4. Which three colleges/universities are you considering attending after High School graduation?
A. _____ B. _____ C. _____
5. Have you decided on a career? **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐ If yes, which career? _____
- | | YES | NO |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6. Do you know the facts about this career? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7. Do you need assistance with your career options? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8. Do you plan on majoring in a science or math related program when in college? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 9. Are you currently participating in the TRiO Upward Bound Program (<i>If yes, will not qualify for ETS</i>)? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 10. Are you willing to attend educational and cultural field trips to learn about higher education? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 11. Do you know the right academic classes that should be taken to prepare you for college? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 12. Are you planning on enrolling in a 4-year university after high school? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 13. Do you think you will need help in applying for college/university? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 14. Do you know the <u>process</u> involved with applying for financial aid and scholarships? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 15. Do you think you will need help in applying for financial aid and scholarships? | ☐ | ☐ |

16. How many years of college/university do you plan to complete after high school?
☐ Associate's Degree (1-2 years) ☐ Bachelor's Degree (4-6 years) ☐ Master's Degree (6+ years)
☐ Doctorate Degree (6+ years) ☐ Uncertain at this time ☐ I do not plan to attend college

17. What subject(s) do you need assistance with? _____

18. What are your two favorite subjects and why? _____

19. What are your two least favorite subjects and why? _____

20. In what activities do you participate, in and out of school? _____

21. Why do you want to join the Educational Talent Search Program? _____

22. Why is **higher education** important to you? _____

23. Why are you willing to commit and participate in all E.T.S. activities until the end of your last year of high school?

I understand that by participating in the Educational Talent Search Program, I authorize the program to access my academic records, CAASPP, SAT/ACT scores, and financial information that are necessary to assist me in achieving my secondary and post-secondary educational goals.

I also understand that I will need to provide Talent Search with proof that I have completed a program/degree at a technical school, community/junior college, and/or 4-year university, in order to comply with the Federal TRiO Program's mandate that 30% of our graduates will complete a program of postsecondary education within six years after high school graduation.

Print Student's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____