

What Is Educational Talent Search (ETS)?

The Educational Talent Search Program is a federally funded TRIO Program designed to identify and engage low-income and disadvantaged youth in services and activities that will help them complete their secondary education, graduate from high school and successfully complete a postsecondary education.

Who Is Eligible?

ETS will serve 600 students annually. These student participants will be recruited from targeted middle schools (240 students) and high schools (360 students) throughout the School District of Hillsborough County. Students who participate in the ETS program will receive services as long as they are enrolled in one of the eleven target schools. All students participating in the program must meet either the economic or academic criteria. Students must be classified as either low-income (based on federal guidelines) or a first generation college student (neither parent has a four year degree). In addition, all participants must show potential for post-secondary success and must possess and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA while in the program. The program will also assist approximately 30 High School Stop-Outs.

How Much Does It Cost?

All services are provided free of charge.

What Are The Goals & Objectives of ETS?

- ♦ **85%** of non-senior secondary school participants served during each project period will be promoted to the next grade level at the end of each academic school year.
- ♦ **85%** of high school seniors (and their equivalents in alternative education programs) will graduate from secondary school or receive a certificate of high school equivalency during each project period.
- ♦ **80%** of "College Ready" project participants will apply for financial aid during each project period.
- ♦ **80%** of "College Ready" project participants will apply for post-secondary school admission during each project period.
- ♦ **80%** of "College Ready" participants will enroll in a program of postsecondary education during each project period (or during the next fall term).

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Fact Sheet

Where Can I Obtain Additional Information?

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HCC's ETS Program is 100% federally funded at \$204,000.00 annually.

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What ETS Does Do:

- ◆ Service high achieving students who are first generation/low-income and college bound
- ◆ Provide opportunities for participants to take part in College Tours and Admissions Counseling
- ◆ Organize Educational and Cultural Field Trips
- ◆ Conduct workshops for students and their parents on financial aid, college admissions and other matters
- ◆ Deliver bi-monthly in school meetings
- ◆ Career Exploration
- ◆ SAT/ ACT/ GED Prep Workshops
- ◆ Offer SAT/ ACT Registration & Fee Waiver Assistance
- ◆ Distribute newsletters detailing program updates
- ◆ Provide a referral service to other community organizations and tutoring programs

What ETS Does Not Do:

- ◆ Service Low Performing Students (2.5 GPA or lower)
- ◆ Act as College Recruiters for any specific post-secondary institution
- ◆ Provide Financial Assistance for Post-Secondary Education in the form of tuition waivers or scholarships
- ◆ Guarantee College Admission
- ◆ Provide service to students outside of 11 targeted schools
- ◆ Provide service to students who are members of Upward Bound or other TRIO programs
- ◆ Provide assistance to students not enrolled in ETS program

Target Schools

Middle Schools

- ◆ Franklin Middle School
- ◆ Greco Middle School
- ◆ Memorial Middle School
- ◆ Van Buren Middle School

High Schools

- ◆ Blake High School
- ◆ Hillsborough High School
- ◆ King High School
- ◆ Leto High School
- ◆ Middleton High School
- ◆ Tampa Bay Tech High School
- ◆ Wharton High School