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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

My name is **Gary Wald**. I work for the University of South Dakota as the **TRIO Educational Talent Search Advisor** for this area. I am excited about this program because I know that we can make a big positive difference in preparing students for college and a career.

What is TRIO Educational Talent Search (TS)?

TS is designed to help students succeed in junior high and high school and enroll in a **technical school, college or university**. The program was started nationwide in the 1960's as part of the Economic Opportunity effort to give low-income and first generation students equal chances to attain a postsecondary education. However, you do not need to fit these criteria, as TRIO is open to every student who maintains a GPA of 2.0 or higher and has the desire to learn.

As your TRIO Educational Talent Search Advisor I can help in a variety of ways. Help students:

- Discover and explore different careers options.
- Complete admission applications, financial aid applications and scholarship applications.
- Register and prepare for the ACT.
- Schedule and provide transportation for campus visits.
- Work on adult life skills like financial literacy (credit cards, bank accounts, budgeting), etc.
- Discover learning styles, interests and strength and learn how to capitalize on those in preparation of a future career.
- Work on goal setting and decision making skills.
- Be better prepared for postsecondary education by completing educational activities.
- Tutoring

Interesting facts about TRIO Educational Talent Search:

- At some colleges, TRIO students have the application fee waived.
- There are TRIO programs that continue into graduate school: **TS and Upward Bound**→ **Student Support Services** for college undergrad and **Mc.Nair** for college graduate school. In college students can get stipends if they continue as TRIO students.

Please complete the application form on the other side of this page. Please fill out the enrollment form *completely*. The financial and other information is never disclosed for individual students, just as overall percentages, to insure continued funding based on the percentage of low-income, first generation students. The student and parent/guardian need to sign the form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Don't pass up this opportunity! ***TRIO Educational Talent Search exists to help you and give you the resources you need to succeed!***

Gary Wald

TRIO Educational Talent Search

The University Of South Dakota
Participant Enrollment Form 2018

Please fill out in blue or black ink!

Background Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____ Gender
 Male
 Female
Age: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/_____
Address: _____, City/ State: _____, _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ or _____ Parents or Guardians: _____
Citizenship: US Citizen Perm Resident. # A _____ Other _____ (attach verification)
Email address student: _____ Parent email: _____
Ethnicity: American Indian Asian Black Hispanic White Pacific Islander Two or more

The following information is needed for program requirements. All information will remain strictly confidential.

Current Grade: _____ Student is in Upward Bound MSIP Gear Up Out of school adult
School attending: _____ Highest grade completed: _____
(Expected) high school graduation year: _____ or GED completion date (mm/yy): ___/___

1. Do either of your guardians you live with have a bachelor degree? Yes No

2. Number of Household Members: _____

(You don't have to disclose your income if you receive any form of public assistance)

3. **Income:** I certify that my total household **taxable income** during the last calendar year was \$ _____.
On the 1040A tax form for 2017 it is line 27, on the 1040 it is line 43. This is the income AFTER all the deductions have been taken out.

Family receives Public Assistance (ex: EBT, WIC, Medical Assistance, CHIP, TANF, GA, commodities) Yes No

Student is ward of the court Yes No

Student resides in foster home Yes No

Current Plans:

4 yr College/ University 2 yr College 2 or 4 year Tribal College GED
 Vo-Tech School Military Other: _____

Talent Search Services requested: Please check all that apply.

Tutoring Acad. Counseling Goals/ Decisions Making Financial Aid/ FAFSA
 Study Skills Career Awareness Cultural Awareness Activ. Scholarship Search
 Self Esteem Computer Assistance College Preparation Summer Program
 Campus Visits Family Activities Acquiring Adult Life Skills GED Assistance
 Other Field Trips Problem Solving ACT Preparation Other: _____

I certify the above information is correct. I give permission to the TRIO Talent Search Program to provide services and to obtain information necessary to determine program eligibility and assistance needed, including transcripts, SSN, income verification, and test scores. A dependent student under the age of 24 must obtain a parent signature. Contact your Talent Search advisor for questions regarding dependency status. Unless you indicate otherwise, we may also publish your picture on display boards or in TS newsletters, local newspapers, and brochures. I do not want my picture published.

Student Signature Date Parent/ Guardian Signature Date

OFFICE USE ONLY: TS Entry Date: ___/___/___ TS Staff: _____ LI FG LIFG Other
Test Results: ___ ACT ___ SAT ___ GED ___ TABE ___ ASVAB ___ Other _____

Advisor notes/ rationale, including reasons for selection or non-selection into the program, continue on reverse side.