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## Educational Talent Search

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 the **Enemy Swim Day School** and **Tiospa Zina Tribal School**. I am excited about bringing this program to you because it can make a big positive difference in preparing students for college, technical school, and/or their chosen career.

### What is TRIO Educational Talent Search (TS)?

TS exists 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 1960s 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 this TRIO TS program is open to all students who pass their classes and have the desire to keep on learning.

### TRIO helps students:

- Discover and explore different career options.
- Discover learning styles, interests, and strengths and learn how to capitalize on those in preparation for a future career.
- Work on goal setting and decision-making skills.
- Complete admission applications, financial aid applications, and scholarship applications.
- Register and prepare for the ACT, and for low-income students pay for additional tests.
- Participate in campus visits.
- Work on adult life skills like financial literacy (credit cards, bank accounts, budgeting), etc.
- TS pays for dual credit classes for low-income kids,
- TS provides tutoring and works with peer tutors

### Interesting facts about TRIO Educational Talent Search:

- Once you complete your Students TRIO Application you never have to do it again.
- Low-income TRIO students can get their college application fee waived.
- TRIO Programs can pay for meals on Campus Visits
- TRIO Programs can pay for Educational Summer Camps for Juniors and Seniors.
- TRIO Programs cover junior high through college graduate school: TS for JH and HS
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- **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. We only report on overall percentages based on the rates of low-income, first-generation students to ensure continued federal funding. The student and a parent/guardian need to sign the form, please.

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!**

*With best wishes,*

*Gary Wald*

**TRIO Educational Talent Search (TS)**

The University Of South Dakota  
Participant Application 2021

**PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK!**

**STUDENT INFORMATION** needed for program requirements. All information will remain confidential

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Female  Male

Citizenship:  US Citizen  Perm Resident. # A \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_ (attach verification)

Student email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address if diff than parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity:  American Indian  Asian  Black  Hispanic  White  Pacific Islander  Two or more

**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): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/ GUARDIAN INFORMATION:** Full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/ State: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does either guardians in the home have a 4 year college (bachelor) degree?  Yes  No

2. Number of Household Members: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Income:** I certify that my total household **taxable income** during the last calendar year was \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Form 1040. Taxable income is on line 15 on the 2020 form. This is the income AFTER all the deductions have been taken out. (You don't have to disclose your income if you receive any form of public assistance).

Family receives Public Assistance (ex EBT, WIC, Medical Assistance, CHIP, TANF, General Assistance)  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, student email address(es), income verification, and test scores. A dependent student under the age of 24 must obtain a parent signature. Contact your TS advisor for questions regarding dependency status. Unless you indicate otherwise, we may 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.