ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH

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Academic Talent Search
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SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

TRiO TALENT SEARCH

Academic Talent Search (ATS) at Sonoma State University is a <u>free</u> educational program designed to inform, motivate, and assist eligible 6th through 12th grade students in Sonoma County to enroll and succeed in a <u>college of their choice</u>. Two-thirds of program participants meet income guidelines and will be the first in their families to complete a Bachelor's degree. All program participants must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents, and must demonstrate the desire and effort to benefit from program services.

Program applicants should have a minimum 2.5 GPA with no "D"s or "F"s recorded in the most recent semester. Once admitted to the program, participants are expected to pursue academic excellence, and take part in activities that address their needs.

Programming is offered year-round at target middle and high schools, and participants receive services until their enrollment in postsecondary education. Outreach workshops and advising sessions focus on financial aid, career exploration, college planning, study skills, and ACT/SAT test prep. Additionally, students visit a variety of college campuses and receive assistance with relevant college applications. More information about ATS may be found at www.sonoma.edu/trio.

Please complete all pages of this application and mail it with your current school grades by <u>March 2, 2018</u>. Applicants in grades 9th-10th grade must also write a personal essay, obtain two letters of recommendation from a school counselor and/or teachers, and participate in an interview with ATS advisors. (A very limited number of openings will be offered to high school applicants.)

Thank you for your interest in the Academic Talent Search program.

Students will be notified of the admissions decision in April.
A mandatory orientation for new students will be held at SSU in late April.

Questions? Please call 664-2359

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6th-8th Grade Application Checklist

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE

⇒ Complete all four pages of the application. Answer every question in blue or black ink only.

⇒ We recommend that a parent help to complete the student and parent information on pages one and three, and that the student write responses to short questions on page 2. The student and parent may complete the applicant's need assessment together.

⇒ Signatures are **REQUIRED** on pages two and four. **Please sign in blue or black ink.**

⇒ Include a COPY of a current school transcript. (Please do not provide a progress report)

⇒ Include a COPY of both pages of your 2016 or 2017 Federal Income Tax Return 1040 Form with at least one parent signature on page 2 **OR** submit an ATS Income Verification Form.

⇒ Applications must be received by **March 2** in order to receive consideration.

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Please see reverse side for mailing information and a description of program services.