



TRIO Works!



Academic Talent Search (ATS) is a free educational program designed to inform, motivate, and assist 1520 students in grades 7 through 12 in Sonoma and Mendocino County, to enroll and succeed in a college of their choice.

Programming is offered year-round at target middle and high schools, and participants receive services until they graduate from high school. 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 college applications. More information about ATS may be found at precollegiate.sonoma.edu.

ATS Mendocino-Cloverdale is now accepting applications for enrollment in the following communities:

- ❖ Anderson Valley
- ❖ Cloverdale
- ❖ Laytonville
- ❖ Round Valley
- ❖ Ukiah
- ❖ Willits

ATS Sonoma is now accepting applications for enrollment from students who attend or plan to attend the following schools:

- ❖ El Molino High School
- ❖ Elsie Allen High School
- ❖ Piner High School
- ❖ Rancho Cotate High School
- ❖ Santa Rosa High School
- ❖ Sonoma Valley High School
- ❖ Roseland University Prep
- ❖ Roseland Collegiate Prep

Please see the back of this flyer for important information about filling out the ATS Application.

Questions? Please call (707) 664-2359

HOW TO FILL OUT THE ATS APPLICATION:

Please note that the application asks for family information including income and parent/guardian education level. **This is because we must verify that two-thirds of our participants must be income-eligible AND are the first in their families to complete a Bachelor's degree.** The federal guidelines we use to determine income-eligibility are listed below:

Federal TRIO Programs Current-Year Low-Income Levels (Effective January 11, 2019 until further notice)

Size of Family Unit	Maximum Taxable Income	Size of Family Unit	Maximum Taxable Income
1	\$18,735	5	\$45,255
2	\$25,365	6	\$51,855
3	\$31,995	7	\$58,515
4	\$38,625	8	\$65,145

All program participants must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents and must demonstrate the desire and effort to benefit from program services.

INCOME INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE INCOME INFORMATION SECTION, WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR YOUR ANNUAL SALARY! We are asking for your prior calendar year's **TAXABLE INCOME**. Taxable income is the income you've earned from all sources **MINUS ADJUSTMENTS, DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS**.

The number of dependents in your household can also be found on your taxes, and includes yourself, all children, parents/guardians, and other family members within the household.

TRANSCRIPT VERIFICATION

This section allows us to request transcripts so that we can track your student's academic progress in collaboration with their school. Our purpose is to ensure that your student is on track for high school graduation, and for eligibility in applying to college. This section also indicates that you are giving permission for your student to participate in ATS if they are admitted to the program.

PARENT EDUCATION INFORMATION

This section allows us to determine if a student is considered first generation. A first-generation college student is one for whom neither parent/guardian received a 4-year bachelor's degree (BA or BS); or an individual who, prior to the age of 18, regularly resided with and received support from only one parent/guardian and whose supporting parent/guardian did not receive a bachelor's degree.

STUDENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Our goal is to provide services to students who can benefit from our program. In this section, we want your student to demonstrate areas in which we can help them grow. This means that students should truthfully indicate areas that may not be as strong and where we can support them.

Again, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We look forward to receiving your student's application! Thank you for your interest in ATS!!!