



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY Monterey Bay

## EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

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Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a federally funded program under the TRIO branch of the U.S. Department of Education. ETS serves 1,166 participants in grades 9-12 in the counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz. Participating schools include: Alisal High School, Gonzales High School, Greenfield High School, King City High School, North Monterey County High School, Seaside High School, and Soledad High School. ETS provides students with academic advisement, career exploration, financial aid/scholarship and college admissions assistance, college tours, cultural events, and other educational enrichment opportunities.

The goal of the ETS program is to have our participants graduate from high school, apply and enter the college of their choice, secure financial aid/scholarships, and graduate with a post-secondary education credential.

**ALL SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO PARTICIPANTS!!**

### **PARTICIPANT SELECTION**

- Complete the ETS application
- Attend a participating school (*Alisal, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, North Monterey County, Seaside, or Soledad*)
- Grade point average 2.0 or above
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Low income and/or First Generation college bound student

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Complete application signed by the student and parent/guardian
- Proof of Income (Signed 1040's or signed income statement)
- High School Transcript or recent report card

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)**

**Q: Why do you need a copy of my income taxes (1040's)?**

A: For ETS to determine eligibility for participation, federal regulations require documentation on the applicant's family size, # of exemptions, and taxable income for the preceding calendar year. All information is kept confidential and secure within our office.

**Q: What if I am not low income can I still qualify?**

A: Yes. You do not have to be low income to qualify for ETS. There are many ways to qualify for the program.

**Q: Why do you need my child's social security number?**

A: Since services are provided FREE of charge to students, ETS must follow the Department of Education's Regulatory Guidelines. Federal regulation requires this documentation in order to meet program eligibility. All information is kept confidential and secure within our office.

**Q: I have a child in college already does that mean my son/daughter will not be considered first generation?**

A: No. Your student is considered first generation if neither of the parents received a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science here in the U.S. We are only assessing your (parents) education level.

**Q: Do I have to complete an ETS application every year?**

A: No. Once your student has provided all documentation and has been accepted, ETS automatically enrolls them for the following year and works with them through high school graduation.