

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH  
PROGRAM DATES: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 TO AUGUST 31, 2012

AUDIENCE:

Educational Talent Search serves 600 students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades

Participants served by gender include: Male: 247 Female: 363

The purpose of the Talent Search Program is to serve those students who qualify under the following criteria:

\*Low-income; first generation student; and academic in-need

Participants served by ethnicity:

American Indian or Alaska Native, non Hispanic/Latino: 10

Asian, non Hispanic/Latino: 47

Black or African-American, non Hispanic/Latino: 205

Hispanic or Latino of any race: 107

White, non Hispanic/Latino: 100

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, non Hispanic: 0

Two or more races, non Hispanic/Latino: 102

Race and ethnicity unknown: 39

Funding Source:

The Educational Talent Search Program is funded 100% by the United States Department of Education

Scholarship Opportunities: Students who are eligible and participate in program activities may qualify for the TRIO scholarships based on academic achievement and academic improvement. Additionally students and parent/guardians are provided with information on financial aid eligibility and application.

Programmatic Objectives:

- A. Secondary School Promotion: 90% of non-seniors secondary school participants served during each budget period will be promoted to the next grade level at the end of each academic year.
- B. Secondary School Graduation: 95% of high school seniors (and their equivalents in alternative education programs) will graduate from secondary school or receive a certificate of high school equivalency during each budget period.
- C. Student Financial Aid: 100% of "college ready" project participants will apply for financial aid during each budget period.
- D. Application for postsecondary education admission: 75% of "college ready" project participants will apply for postsecondary school admission during each budget period.
- E. Post secondary education enrollment: 75% of "college ready" participants will apply for financial aid during each budget period.
- F. Postsecondary placements (types of institutions)

The role of Educational Talent Search is to provide low-income, first-generation, and academic in-need students an opportunity to have equal access to educational opportunities that will improve their lives as well as the community in which they reside.

Partnerships: The Talent Search Program works very closely with the secondary academic staff principals, teachers, and counselors. Talent Search has successfully established partnerships with

Outreach and Civic Engagement Program to provide tutoring to eligible program participants. Additionally, partnering with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Programs and the International Bachelorette Program have expanded our outreach to students within the community. Continuing to work with MSU Admissions and Financial Aid and alternative higher educational institutions only serves to enhance the educational opportunities available to our student populations.

Program Accomplishments:

1. Meet all of the program objectives
2. Increased number of seniors attending higher educational institutions/financial aid eligibility
3. Talent Search refunded for five years 2012-2017
4. Partnership with Eastern High School Bachelorette Program and MSU Faculty
5. Continued partnership with Outreach Civic Engagement, Hope Scholars, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century
6. Established partnership with neighborhood community centers
7. Developed Face Book Page to assist in contacting with students

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