



# Talent Search Application



Dear Prospective Talent Search Applicant:

Thank you for applying to the Virginia Tech Talent Search program. Talent Search is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Its purpose is to encourage students to complete high school, to choose a career, and to pursue a college education. Talent Search can also help students who have dropped out of school to obtain a GED. These goals are accomplished through educational, cultural and social experiences. Your interest in the program and subsequent decision to apply speaks to your desire to plan for your future. It is our hope that we can help you in that effort by providing the following services: counseling, information on colleges and universities, tutoring, and financial literacy.

The filing of an application with Talent Search is a preliminary step to admission into the program. Since Talent Search is a federal program, there are several guidelines students must meet in order to be eligible for admission.

You are eligible for Talent Search if:

- You are between the ages of 11-27;
- Your family's income is at or less than figures established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census (based on family size) *and/or* neither of your parents has graduated from a four-year college.
- If the student does not meet either of these criteria, additional academic need will be considered in determining eligibility.

To be fully considered for admission to Talent Search, students must complete and submit the following application materials, all of which are included with this application packet:

- The Talent Search application;
- Income verification via the submission of **copies of pages 1 and 2 of the 1040 form** your family filed with the Internal Revenue Service OR the completion of the **Family Income** section on page 1; and,
- A Student Profile form that solicits specific information about the applicant and his/her family and academic background.

Upon our receipt of the above materials, we will alert the applicant of his/her admissions status. It is important to note that the information solicited on the Student Profile in the application packet is held in strict confidence and is collected for record keeping purposes only. Federal law prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, or disability.

Please contact the Talent Search office should you have questions about any aspect of this application packet. We are happy to assist you in anyway. You can reach our office by calling us at (540) 231-6911 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Thank you again for your interest in the Virginia Tech Talent Search program.

## TALENT SEARCH

### Application

1. Full Name

First

Middle

Last

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number:

( ) -

Student Cell:

( ) -

Parent Email:

Student Email:

2. Social Security Number:

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Birthdate:

3. School Attending:

Grade in School:

4. Do you live with both of your parents?

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Yes

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No

Parent Names:

**If you do not live with both parents:**

What is/are the name(s) of the person(s) with whom you live?

What is their relationship to you? (i.e. mother, guardian)

5. Did your parent(s)/guardian(s) complete a 4-year college degree or higher? (*Please indicate yes or no*):

Female Parent/Guardian

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Yes

☐

No

Male Parent/Guardian

☐

Yes

☐

No

6. Citizenship (check one):

☐

U.S.

☐

Non-U.S.

Permanent Resident

☐

Yes

☐

No

Permanent Resident ID#

- If you are not a U.S. citizen, but you are a permanent resident of the U.S., please provide us with a copy of your Resident Alien Card.
- If you are not a U.S. citizen, but you are authorized to work in the U.S., please provide us with a copy of your work visa.
- Is English the primary language spoken in your home? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, what is the primary language? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please complete one of the following items as it relates to your family income.

**How many people are in your family?** (number of exemptions claimed on line 6d of your federal income tax return Form 1040)?

**Please circle your family's total Taxable Income:**

[MAKE CERTAIN YOU CHECK YOUR "**TAXABLE INCOME**" IRS Form 1040 - Line 43 or IRS Form 1040 EZ - Line 6 or IRS Form 1040A - Line 27 (**NOT** federal adjusted gross income)]

0 – \$18,090.00

49,440.01 – 55,710.00

18,090.01 – 24,360.00

55,710.01 – 61,980.00

24,360.01 – 30,630.00

61,980.01 – 68,250.00

30,630.01 – 36,900.00

68,250.01 – 74,520.00

36,900.01 – 43,170.00

More than \$74,520.01

43,170.01 – 49,440.00

These figures represent the family income levels established by the U.S. Department of Census for determining Talent Search eligibility status. These are the most current levels published by the U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC.

• **If your family did not pay income taxes last year, check all of the benefits that you received:**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps or TANF/AFDC        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workman's Comp. | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Benefits           | <input type="checkbox"/> Free or Reduced Student Lunches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Please specify _____ |  |

Please check any of the areas below that you feel you need or would like help.

**ACADEMIC**

- ☐ The Importance of Grades
- ☐ Note Taking
- ☐ Study Habits & Study Skills
- ☐ Time Management
- ☐ Academic Attitude & Communication
- ☐ Course Selection
- ☐ Tutoring

**PERSONAL**

- ☐ Personal Counseling
- ☐ Self Esteem Building
- ☐ Communication Skills
- ☐ Relationships
- ☐ Goal Setting
- ☐ Drug/Alcohol Education
- ☐ Decision-making

**Are you receiving services from any of these programs?**

- ☐ Upward Bound
- ☐ Upward Bound Math/Science
- ☐ Talent Search from another
- ☐ GEARUP

**CAREER AND COLLEGE**

- ☐ Career Exploration, Planning, Preparation
- ☐ Career Site/Job Site Visits
- ☐ College Exploration
- ☐ College Campus Visits
- ☐ SAT/ACT Preparation
- ☐ SAT Fee Waivers
- ☐ ACT Fee Waivers
- ☐ Completion of College Application Forms
- ☐ College Application Fee Waivers
- ☐ Financial Aid Exploration/Assistance

**SOCIAL/CULTURAL**

- ☐ Social/Cultural Activities
- ☐ Diversification

**STUDENT:**

I certify that the information I have given on this application is true. I wish it to be used to determine my eligibility to participate in the Talent Search Program at Virginia Tech. I give my permission to release transcripts, grades, and test scores to the Virginia Tech Talent Search program as needed as well as track my post-secondary progress through the National Student Clearinghouse. If I am accepted as a participant, I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the program.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**GUARDIAN:**

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above named student. I certify that the information I have given on this application is true. I give my permission for her/him to attend all activities of the program. I relieve the program of any responsibility for any accidents, illnesses, or injuries which may result from participation and allow them to take pictures for program use. I give my permission to release enrollment status, transcripts, student SSN, grades, and test scores to the Virginia Tech Talent Search program as needed. I give permission for my child's school counselor to discuss confidential information relevant to their academic success. It is further understood that I may withdraw my daughter/son from Talent Search at any time and that she/he may be dropped by the Director for sufficient reason. Further, I grant permission pursuant to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and any other applicable law for disclosure of educational records, directory information, and non-directory information for program purposes, publicity purposes, and in recognizing participant achievement. It is also understood that photograph(s)/video of the participant may be made and disseminated via print media and any social media platforms utilized by the Virginia Tech Talent Search Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*Warning: Any person falsifying information may be considered in violation of federal laws.*

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*Virginia Tech does not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, color, disability, gender (including pregnancy), gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. Anyone having questions concerning discrimination should contact the Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office. This program is 100% federally funded by the Department of Education.*

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

*This information is not part of the application. However, the information requested is helpful for the program in planning activities, gathering statistical data for Department of Education reports, and for referral of students when specific opportunities and scholarships become available.*

### **ETHNO-RACIAL BACKGROUND:**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC/LATINO | <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN              | <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN           | <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER | <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE |

### **GENDER:**

- ☐ MALE    ☐ FEMALE

### **MARITAL STATUS OF PARENTS:**

- |                                    |   |   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED   | <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED    | <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER REMARRIED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED  | <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER REMARRIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER DECEASED  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED | <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER DECEASED  | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (explain)  |

### **CHILDREN IN FAMILY OTHER THAN YOURSELF:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PRESENTLY AT HOME</u> <u>(Y/N)?</u>	<u>HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

### **LIST PERSONS LIVING IN THE HOME OTHER THAN MOTHER, FATHER, SISTERS, & BROTHERS:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

### **Which type of diploma are you working toward?**

- ☐ Advanced      ☐ Standard      ☐ General      ☐ Technical

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### **How Did You Hear About Us? (check all that apply)**

- |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Counselor     | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent              | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting Session |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet               | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper     | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher                | _____ Name                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Participant | _____ Name                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other School Personnel | _____ Name                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other               | _____ Name                                  |

1. At this point in your school career, in what subject(s) do you do your best work?

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2. In what subject(s) would you like academic assistance?

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3. What subject(s) do you like best?

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4. Are there any subjects that you would feel comfortable assisting other students?

☐ Yes    ☐ No    If yes, list subjects: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Within your school and/or community, in what activities, sports and clubs have you participated?

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6. What leadership positions have you held in school and community activities?

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7. Please rate yourself in the following areas:

	Well Above Average	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Well Below Average
A. Ability to get along with peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Willingness to assume responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Ability to adjust to new situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Desire to achieve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Ability to learn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. What do you want to do after you finish high school?

☐ Full Time Work    In what field? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ College    ☐ Armed Forces    Other \_\_\_\_\_

If college, what schools are you considering?

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9. At this time, what are your career interests?

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10. Do you currently have a full- or part-time job?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Hours worked per week \_\_\_\_\_

11. Juniors and Seniors only: Have you passed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Proficiency Exam (SOL) for:

**English:**    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

**Math:**    ☐ Yes    ☐ No