Dearent Parent(s),

Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a project funded by the U. S. Department of Education and is administered by Diablo Valley College (DVC). The purpose of this project is to encourage low-income and potential first generation college students to complete middle school and high school and go on to college. However, only 2/3rds of our total student enrollment must be both low-income and first-generation college-bound students.

Services listed below are free of charge and will be offered at target schools, DVC or at a local college campus.
- Academic, financial, and career guidance, including advice on entry to college
- Career exploration and aptitude assessment
- College Visits
- Assistance in completing college admissions and financial aid applications step by step
- Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams
- Special activities for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders
- Workshops for the parents of participants
- Fee-waiver assistance to pay for college entrance exams, admissions and financial aid application fees.
- Summer academic enrichment programs in Math, English, College Planning, Testing & Career Exploration.
- Academic Tutoring

If you would like for your child to participate in this project, submit the following forms to ETS:
- Middle School Application
- Program Application
- Income Verification (last year’s signed 1040, Social Service Income, FAFSA)
- Middle School Participant Needs Assessment
- Health Service Information and Medical Release
- Most Recent Report Card or Progress Report
- Student’s Social Security Number at the time of Program Enrollment

Return the application packet to the ETS staff person at your school or mail it to the following address;

Diablo Valley College
Student Services Center
Educational Talent Search
321 Golf Club Rd
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Once your application has been reviewed you will receive a letter in the mail indicating your enrollment status. Applicants accepted into ETS are eligible to receive services until they enroll in college. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at (925) 969-2189. Documents may be faxed to 691-9316.

Sincerely,

Jackqueline Jones-Castellano
Project Director
Educational Talent Search
Educational Talent Search
MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATION

Last Name:________________________ First Name:_________________________ Middle Name:

Address:___________________________________________City:________________ State:_____   Zip:

Home Phone #:(        ) ________________ _      Cell Phone #:

E-Mail Address:

Sex: ___________  Date of Birth:_______________________  Age(circle)   10     11     12     13     14

Ethnicity (Circle all that apply)      American Indian or Alaska Native         Asian           Black or African American
Hispanic or Latino        White           Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander            Other(please list):

School:________________________Grade:_________ Name & grade of sibling at this school? _______

Name Parent/Guardian you live with    Female:__________________________              Male:

Participant Eligibility:
1.  Are you a U.S. citizen?        Yes   _______   No   _______             School ID Number
       If no, what is your residency status? (e.g. green card, etc.)  _____________________ Alien Reg.#:  A

2.  Did your mother graduate from college with a four-year degree?              Yes:      No:

3.  Did your father graduate from college with a four-year degree?    Yes:     No:

4.  Do your parent(s) work?  Yes____ No____   Their Occupation?  Female:_________________    Male:

       Do you or your parent(s) receive (circle ):  CalWORKS(WELFARE)       Social Security(SSI)      General Assistance(G.A.)

       Free/Reduced Lunch     Subsidized Housing    Medi-Cal       Food Stamps

5.  How many people are in your household, including yourself?    __________

6.  Do you have a physical or learning disability?    Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please specify:

7.  Are you currently enrolled in another college outreach program? (e.g. Puente, AVID, EAOP, UB, etc.)

       If yes, please list all programs you are enrolled in?

   Statement of Intent to Participate:
   I wish to enroll in and participate in the activities sponsored by the Educational Talent Search (ETS) project. In order to enroll I realize that I must submit my social
   security number to complete my enrollment application.  I will meet with the ETS Project Staff on a regular basis (not less than twice a semester) to participate fully in
   project services. Prior to receiving services, I will provide ETS staff with all requested information regarding family income, educational level and documentation to
   verify my eligibility/need for services as required by the U.S. Dept. of Education.  If I fail to meet with ETS staff or attend at least two project sponsored activities per
   semester, I may be dropped from the program.  I understand and agree to these conditions and acknowledge my willingness to meet the specified conditions of
   participation as evidenced by my signature below.

   Note: Information is protected by the privacy act.  No one may view this information unless they work with or for the Diablo Valley College Educational Talent Search
   Project or are specifically authorized.  This information is necessary to determine if you are eligible to participate in the Educational Talent Search Project.

   I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

   Student's Signature:   _________________________________________________    Date:   __________________________

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTICIPANT
NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2012-2013

Name_______________________________    School _________________________  Grade ____________

Select the activities that you would like to participate in, between Sept. 2012 and Aug. 2013. Rank your top 4 activities, 1 through 4, with 1 = activity of greatest interest.

_____ 1). Talk to someone about college planning 54
_____ 2). High School Graduation Requirements (planning for High School) 3
_____ 3). College Info & Admissions Requirements 9
_____ 4). College Campus Visit 13
_____ 5). Information on Paying for College (FA) 15
_____ 6). (circle) Career Guidance 6 /Assessment 8
_____ 7). Self-Assessment/Learning Style 24
_____ 8). Test-Taking Tips 23
_____ 9). Tutoring/Help with Homework 34
_____ 10). Study Skills Development 37
_____ 11). Goal-Setting/Decision-Making Skills 29
_____ 12). Time Management and Organizational Skills 55
_____ 13). Financial Planning (saving for College) 56
_____ 14). (circle) English 43 / Math Skills Development 39

Which two subjects do you need help with? ____________

15). Where, when and how often do you study? Do you study with a group or partner? __________________________

16). What goals do you plan to accomplish in high school? __________________________

17). Do you want to go to college? Explain why? __________________________

18). State your career goal. Explain why you have chosen this goal? __________________________

I realize that I must meet monthly with my ETS Staff person in order to fully benefit from program services. Given last year’s academic performance, I plan to set the following two goals to improve academically?

1). __________________________

2). __________________________

_________________________ Date

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Eligibility Status __________________________ Documentation Type __________________________
Date Assessment Reviewed __________________________ Date Scheduled for Plan of Action __________________________
Date of Math Assessment __________________________ Date of English Assessment __________________________

_________________________ Acceptance Date

ETS Staff __________________________ Project Director __________________________

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PROGRAM APPLICATION

(All information must be completed by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the applicant)

Student’s Name: ________________________________ School: ______________________ Grade: ____________

School ID Number: ____________________________ Permanent Resident Card #: ________________

Is your child Hispanic/Latino?   Yes    No     If not, please select (circle all that apply)  American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian           Black or African American       White           Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

1.  ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION FORM

Please indicate the highest grade completed

Mother          Father          Guardian

Elementary (k-9) □ □ □
High school (9-12) □ □ □
Some college □ □ □
2-year college degree □ □ □
4-year college degree (or higher) □ □ □

I/we the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above named student had an annual taxable income (see line 27 on 1040A or line 43 on 1040) of $ ___________ for 2012. This income supported ___________ (number of people, including all people who were supported by income).

One of the following documents must accompany this application to verify income for the previous year and the above statement: If you have not filed taxes for 2012, please attach your 2011 taxes. If you will not file taxes please attach your 2012 income verification. If you do not have income verification, attach a letter of explanation.

☐ Signed Copy of last year’s 1040 tax return (ONLY FIRST 2 PAGES)
☐ Signed Copy of last year’s annual Social Services Income (Notice of Action, SSI, GA, Signed Statement from case worker)
☐ Signed Copy of Parent/Guardian Notification of Eligibility for Free or Reduced Lunch from District
☐ Signed Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) from previous year.

2.  PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

The school that my child (Name of Student) ______________________________ currently attends has my permission to release information (Such documents may include: a copy of my child’s school grad report, test scores, ACT/SAT or GED scores, and school lunch program eligibility) to Diablo Valley College’s Educational Talent Search project.

(Name of Student) has my permission to participate in services, activities, and field trips planned and supervised by Diablo Valley College’s Educational Talent Search. The project, the college, and the employees of Talent Search are released by me from claims against them arising from injuries, which might occur in route to/at/from the destination.

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury, that all information reported on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge my support for my child to participate in Diablo Valley College’s Educational Talent Search Project. I commit to attending at least one (1) ETS Parent Workshop per program year. I understand that occasionally class release time is required in order for my child to receive ETS services.

(Print Parent/Guardian Name)   (Parent/Guardian Signature)       (Date)

Note: All personal records or documentation will be held in strictest confidence by the staff of ETS, DVC and the Colleges of Contra Costa. (consistent with the Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, regulations, and other laws) and will not be released to any other entity without my prior acknowledgment and consent. This acknowledgment will be effective for the duration of my child’s participation in the program.

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HEALTH SERVICE INFORMATION

To the parent(s)/guardian(s): In the event your child may need medical attention for an illness or injury while attending a DVC-ETS sponsored field trip, the following information is necessary for the licensed medical staff to treat the underage minor. **Students will not be allowed to participate in any DVC-ETS sponsored activities without this form being fully completed. Please print legibly.**

**Student’s Name________________________________________ School________________________ Grade__________

Mother/Guardian Name________________________________________ Father/Guardian Name________________________

Address________________________________________ Address________________________________________

City/State/Zip________________________________________ City/State/Zip________________________________________

E-Mail________________________________________ E-Mail________________________________________

Home/Cell Phone________________________________________ Home/Cell Phone________________________________________

Work Phone________________________________________ Work Phone________________________________________

Work Days/Hours________________________________________ Work Days/Hours________________________________________

Name Nearest Relative________________________________________ Relationship to Student________________________

Phone________________________________________ Phone________________________________________

**INFORMATION AND MEDICAL RELEASE**

Student’s Name________________________________________ Student Social Security #________________________ (to be provided at the time of program enrollment)

**Information Release:** I/we authorize the DVC Educational Talent Search (ETS) to obtain documents relative to and consistent with my child’s education. Such documents may include: a copy of my child’s school transcript, test scores, ACT/SAT or GED scores, and school lunch program eligibility. I/we authorize ETS to obtain information related to my application for receipt of student financial assistance (federal, state, or other) a copy of my award notification from the financial aid office, and college admission and registration information. We would like to be part of the ETS program. I hereby give my permission for my child to participate in the all Educational Talent Search activities. In addition, I hereby give my permission for my child’s name, photograph, work, and/or statements to be used by Educational Talent Search for promotional, publicity (web pages, social media, brochures, newspaper, etc…), or instructional purposes.

Parent Signature_________________________ Student Signature_________________________ Date________________________

**Medical Release:** I certify that this information is true to the best of my knowledge. I do hereby give consent to DVC-ETS and its employees and agency to render or seek emergency medical treatment and assistance to the participant if deemed necessary. In consideration of granting permission by the DVC Educational Talent Search for the above named minor to participant in the activities sponsored by ETS, the participant, his/her parents or legally appointed guardian hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless, release and forever discharge the DVC Educational Talent Search employees and/or agents from all claims and demands which the participant, his/her parents or legal guardian or the representatives or successors of them or any person may have against Contra Costa Community College District, DVC and its employees and agents by reason of acts, illness, or injury, or other consequences arising or resulting directly or indirectly from the participation of said minor in the aforementioned ETS activities.

Parent Signature_________________________ Emergency Phone_________________________ Date________________________