Dear Parents/Guardians:

San Diego State University Talent Search is a program that is funded by the U.S. Department of Education to assist students in pursuing a post-secondary education. Our program is located in six high schools and three middle schools in San Diego County including yours, and allows us to assist students in the following ways:

2. Guidance in identifying at least 3 possible career choices.
3. Guidance in selecting an appropriate university, college, or vocational training and applying for admission.
4. Assistance in applying for financial aid, grants and scholarships.
5. Information on SAT/ACT test dates and assistance with registration.
6. Field trips to college campuses for tours and admissions presentations.

An Academic Advisor from the SDSU Talent Search Program is assigned to your student’s high school to serve students in these areas at no cost to you.

Attached is a confidential Talent Search Application form, which must be filled out by you and returned to the Talent Search Academic Advisor assigned to your student’s school, or mailed to our office at the address given above. This form is mandatory and must be filled out and returned before our Academic Advisor can work with your student.

Though our program targets students from low-income households who are the first generation in their families to pursue a college degree, 1/3 of our students do not need to meet these qualifications. A signed verification of your income, however, is still needed for statistical purposes. This information is kept confidential and used only to meet U.S. Department of Education regulations.

Please assist us by returning the application as soon as possible so that we may be able to provide the services mentioned above to your student. For students who are seniors, it is critical to return this form immediately so that we may be able to assist them in meeting deadlines for postsecondary education applications. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at (619) 594-2954.

Sincerely,

Melani L. Soto
Program Coordinator, Advising
### PART 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

**Student’s Name**  
LAST  FIRST  M.I.  
Office Use Only

**School**  

**School ID#**  

**Address**  

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**City**  

**State**  

**Zip Code**  

**Telephone Number**  

**Student’s Social Security #**  

**Student ID#**  

**Student Email**  

**Student’s Date of Birth**  

**Gender:**  

**Student’s Citizenship Status:**  

- U.S. Citizen  
- Permanent Resident (1151, 1551)  
- Refugee (I-94)  
- Temporary Resident Card (I-688)  
- Non U.S. Resident (Visa, etc.)  

**Student’s Date of Birth**  

**Is the student a limited English speaker?**  

- Yes  
- No – If NO, complete #2

**Student’s Ethnicity:**  

- White  
- Black or African American  
- Asian  
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
- Other  

**Student’s Marital Status:**  

- Single  
- Married  
- Divorced  
- Widowed  
- Separated

**Employment Status:**  

- Employed  
- Unemployed  
- Retired  
- Disabled  
- Deceased

**Highest level of education completed (check only one):**  

- Less than high school  
- High School  
- Junior College  
- Technical/Vocational  
- Bachelor’s Degree

**Work Number:**  

- (_______)  
- ________

**If Bachelor’s, country where degree attained**  

**Does student live with this parent?**  

- Yes  
- No

**Name of college**  

**Degree Received**  

*The U.S. Department of Education requires that Talent Search gather this data in order to determine student eligibility. All information provided will be held in strict confidence under regulations of the U.S. Department of Education and the Privacy Act.*
4) Which parent has legal responsibility for the student’s financial support?

☐ 1st Parent: Yes ☐ No (please explain) ________________________________

☐ 2nd Parent: Yes ☐ No (please explain) ________________________________

5) List all the people living in your home (include student participating in program, parents, siblings, any other persons living in the household and supported by the parents):

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TOTAL NUMBER __________________

PART 3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1) Parents please report your taxable income from your 2013 tax return. Only report taxable income and not gross income. If you used the 1040 form to file your taxes, look at line 43. If you used the 1040A form, look at line 27. If you used the 1040EZ form, look at line 6. Please attach a copy of your 2013 tax return. (Please call 619-594-2954 if you would like help with this question).

TAXABLE INCOME $ __________________________

2) How many months did the parents work last year? _______

3) Other income sources for the parents:

☐ Unemployment benefits Amount: _________ ☐ Student under foster care (county) Amount: __________

☐ Retirement Amount: __________ ☐ TANF/Welfare/Public Assistance Amount: __________

☐ Veteran’s Benefit Amount: __________ ☐ SSI _________ ☐ State Disability Amount: __________

☐ Child Support Amount: __________ ☐ Social Security Benefits Amount: __________

4) Does the student receive any TANF/Welfare/MEDI-CAL/Public Assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5) Does your child qualify for free lunch at school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6) Does your child require any accommodations for a disability set forth by the ADA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify: ________________________________

7) Are you in another federally funded program (i.e.: Cal-Soap, Gear Up, Upward Bound, Wahupa)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify: ________________________________

PART 4: STUDENT CONTRACT (TO BE SIGNED BY STUDENT)

In order to participate in the Educational Talent Search Program, I agree to:

1. Achieve and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA
2. Contact my Educational Talent Search Program advisor if there is a change in my class schedule, my home address or phone number, and/or if my family plans to move
3. Seek help with academic or personal problems and meet with my advisor on a weekly basis
4. Attend school regularly
5. Take advantage of special Educational Talent Search Program activities such as college visits, financial aid workshops and cultural activities
6. Apply for financial aid during the spring of my senior year
7. Graduate from high school and enroll in post-secondary education institution upon graduation from high school

STUDENT SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE __________________

PART 5: PARENT SIGNATURE

I hereby authorize the SDSU Talent Search Program to have access to my child’s permanent school records during the application process and throughout the period of their participation in the program. I also give permission for the use of my child’s name and/or photograph for editorial, promotional, recruitment or educational purposes. I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

PARENT SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE __________________ Revised August 2014