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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

2008 - 2009 Application

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH APPLICATION PACKET

Sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University with major funding provided by the U.S. Department of Education. For this application to be reviewed in a timely manner, it must be filled out COMPLETELY.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: First Middle Last

Address: Street City State Zip

Phone: Home Parent Work Cell

Email: Alternate Cell

Date of Birth: Female Male

Social Security Number: (All student information is kept in a locked file.)

Ethnicity: Asian Black Latino/ Mexican-American Other

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident, Eligible Non-Citizen

Country of Birth Provide a photocopy of INS documentation (REQUIRED)

Do you live in Foster Care? Yes No
Current School:
Current Grade: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Expected Year of High School Graduation:

II. FAMILY INFORMATION

Number of people living in your home, INCLUDING YOU:
List all the people living in your home:

NAME AGE RELATIONSHIP TO YOU EMPLOYER GRADE

Does your family qualify for assistance from any of the following sources?

- Free or reduced lunch at school
Aide to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
Social Security
Veteran's Benefits
Food Stamps
Unemployment Compensation

Please check the amount below that best matches the level of TAXABLE INCOME for your family for 2007. Do NOT include income from any of the list above. The TAXABLE INCOME can be found on line 43 of your 1040 tax form; line 27 of your 1040A form; and line 6 of your 1040 EZ form.

\$0 - \$15,600 \$26,401 - \$31,800 \$42,601 - \$48,000
\$15,601 - \$21,000 \$31,801 - \$37,200 \$48,001 - \$53,400
\$21,001 - \$26,400 \$37,201 - \$42,600 \$53,401 and above

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: Name Relationship to Applicant Phone

What is the highest grade completed by your mother? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16+
College Degree earned, if any: Associate Bachelor Master Doctorate
What is the highest grade completed by your father? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16+
College Degree earned, if any: Associate Bachelor Master Doctorate

III. STUDENT NEEDS

What kind of college/university are you interested in attending? Check below.
Vocational/Technical College/Trade School/Technical Institute
Two-year community college degree and/or transfer program
Four-year university
What do you plan to study in college?

List three (3) things you do to earn good grades.

List three (3) things that keep you from earning good grades.

List school activities (sports, clubs, band, etc.) that you are involved with this year.

HIGH SCHOOL Students, please provide cumulative GPA:

Check METS services that interest you. Check all that apply.
Career Planning ACT Workshops Self-Esteem Workshops
College Visits Test-Taking Strategies
Tutoring Financial Aid Information
Scholarship Search Time-Management
Other (please specify) Educational Success

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IV. STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT and AGREEMENT

As a METS participant, I represent the METS program and my school. I will act in a responsible manner and follow the same code of conduct that I follow while on my respective campus. This includes, but is not limited to:

- ↳ Dress Code
- ↳ "Hands-off Policy"
- ↳ Harassment/Sexual Harassment
- ↳ Zero Tolerance Offenses:
 - ↳ Weapons/Dangerous Instruments
 - ↳ Firearms
 - ↳ Drugs (including Inhalants)
 - ↳ Battery (fighting)
 - ↳ Stealing
- ↳ Discrimination of any type or "Hate Language" involving, but not limited to:
 - ↳ Race
 - ↳ Age
 - ↳ Religion
 - ↳ National Origin
 - ↳ Veteran Status
 - ↳ Sex

METS is considered a 'Safe Zone'. Anyone participating in the METS program should feel welcome and worthy. All participants are to respect the rights and privileges of others in the program as well as anyone associated with the program including adults, visitors, and tour guides.

If I choose to disregard the guidelines listed above, I understand that the following consequences will be enacted:

- First Offense:** My METS advisor will meet with me to make sure I am aware of the problem and corrective actions to remedy the problem will be taken.
- Second Offense:** I will be unable to attend any METS activities outside the meetings at school until the beginning of the following school year.
- Third Offense:** I will be dismissed from the program.

If accepted into the METS Program, I agree to attain personal, academic, and career goals that Talent Search and I set and attend a minimum of five (5) METS meetings each year. I also agree to treat myself, other Talent Search students, and staff with respect and to be a positive representative of METS.

Student Signature _____ Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

V. RELEASE OF RECORDS/CERTIFICATION

All information will be kept confidential.

With my signature (parent OR student, if 18 or older), I hereby grant permission to the staff of the METS Program to access my (my child's) school records, including grades, test scores, and final or reduced lunch eligibility.

I (parent or student, if 18 or older) hereby authorize post-secondary institutions to release to the staff of the METS Program college academic, enrollment, and student aid award at the college/university I will be attending after high school graduation.

All information will be kept confidential. The information shall only be transferred to a third party outside the METS Program on the condition that written consent is first obtained from the applicant's guardians (or the applicant, if over 18).

CERTIFICATION

Our signatures indicate that, to the best of our knowledge, the information given on this application is true, complete, and accurate.

As a parent or guardian signing this form, I give permission for my child to participate in all program-sponsored activities. I also give permission for the use of my (my child's) name and/or photograph for editorial, promotional, recruitment, or educational purposes.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

This form complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 [Public Law 93-80, Section 513 (b) (4) (g)].

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR METS ADVISOR OR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

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For more information on the METS program, please visit our website: www.mtsu.edu/~mets

The METS program is 100% federally funded at \$220,000 annually.

WHERE DO WE GO?

Frist Center,
Nashville



Expanding
Your
Horizons,
MTSU



Columbia
University,
New York
City



Atlanta,
Georgia



The METS program is 100% federally funded
at \$226,600 annually.

METS



Middle Tennessee State University's
Educational Talent Search Program



**It's all about
where you're going!**

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WHAT IS METS?

The MTSU Educational Talent Search (METS) program is an educational enhancement program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is a component of Middle Tennessee State University and serves 6th through 12th grade students in Coffee, Grundy, and Warren counties. It guides students through the financial aid process by helping them locate local, state, and federal monies while motivating them to set and pursue achievable career and educational goals.

Along with educational and financial aid counseling, METS provides participants with many opportunities to attend field trips to Tennessee colleges and area businesses, thus helping help them explore a variety of options. METS advisors inspire participants to invest in their futures and achieve their fullest potential.

METS

MISSION

- Identify qualified youth with a potential for a postsecondary education.
- Publicize the availability of student financial assistance to those seeking a postsecondary education.
- Encourage participants to complete a secondary education and undertake a program of postsecondary education as well as encourage those who have not completed either to reenter an appropriate educational program.

METS PARTICIPANTS WILL

Graduate from high school.

More than 95 percent of Educational Talent Search students graduate from high school.

Go to college.

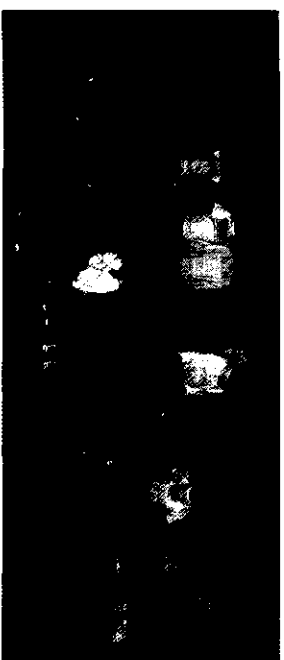
79 percent of Talent Search students enroll in a postsecondary program.

Receive financial aid and scholarship information.

More than 95 percent of Talent Search students receive help applying for financial aid and 65 percent receive financial aid and/or scholarships.

METS SERVICES

- Academic, financial aid, and career counseling
- Guidance for entry or reentry into appropriate secondary or postsecondary programs
- Information on student financial assistance
- Exposure to college campuses
- Assistance completing college admissions and financial aid applications
- Help preparing for college entrance exams
- Mentoring programs
- Special activities for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students



Cumberland Caverns, Tennessee

CONTACT INFORMATION

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