



The Gloria J. Taylor Foundation Educational Talent Search Program Application

The Gloria J. Taylor foundation Educational Talent Search Program (ETS) is a federally funded project that offers services to students at Colin Powell, Michelle Obama, Rich Township 227 and Crete 201U schools: high school dropouts and postsecondary stop-outs in the southland.

The program is designed to provide information, assistance, and motivation to all eligible participants from 11 to 27 years of age who desire to continue and complete their secondary education (high school or Graduate Equivalency Diploma) and move into postsecondary education arenas such as college, vocational/technical school, and apprenticeship programs prepared and confident. The major thrust of GJTF-ETS is to provide assistance with access to educational opportunities so that participants may move with self-reliance into a meaningful and productive future.

Services provided by GJTF-ETS include tutoring, career guidance, academic counseling, counseling in personal development, assistance in gaining admission to postsecondary educational programs, help obtaining financial aid, and trips. These services are provided through a comprehensive counseling package, which has been developed by the GJTF staff. This counseling package is presented in individual and group counseling sessions, which are conducted throughout the year by the GJTF Advisors at the target schools. Each session is geared toward academic persistence by assisting participants in resuming, continuing and/or furthering their education. Summer Career Exploration provides academic reinforcement, career focused workshops and partnerships with appropriate mentors in the southland community. Meals, transportation, and trips are available free of charge.

www.gjtf.org

Please make sure all required forms have all the necessary signatures, including your signature as well as parent/guardian signature.

Mail COMPLETED APPLICATION to:
The Gloria J. Taylor Foundation ETS Program
20080 Governors Drive
Olympia Fields, Illinois 60461
Scanned applications can be sent to info@gjtf.org

GJTF EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH APPLICATION

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THIS CHECKLIST. YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL IT IS COMPLETE.

Name of Applicant _____

School: Michelle Obama Colin Powell Rich South Rich North

Crete H.S. Crete Middle School Other School

Current Grade Level: 6th ___ 7th ___ 8th ___ 9th ___ 10th ___ 11th ___ 12th ___

Part I – GENERAL INFORMATION (Please print clearly in black or blue ink and answer EVERY question)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Social Security Number (held in strict confidentiality) _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Gender: Male ___ Female ___ T-shirt Size: _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Personal Email: _____

Ethnic group: American Indian Asian-American Black

Hispanic Caucasian Other

If you checked American Indian, please indicate your tribal affiliation: _____

Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____

School Address: _____ School Phone: () _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Students can only participate in one TRIO Program at a given time (Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound (UB)

___ I am not a participant in any other TRIO Program.

Do you have sibling(s) in the Educational Talent Search program? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Name(s) _____

Do you currently have a job? _____

If accepted, would it conflict with you attending the Summer Enrichment Institute? _____

I HEREBY AFFIRM I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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Admitted _____
Denied _____ Reason: _____

Approved by: TRIO Director _____ Date _____
LI/PFG _____ LI-ONLY _____ PFG-ONLY _____ Other _____

FAMILY INFORMATION, EDUCATION

Federal eligibility requirements for the GJTF Educational Talent Search Program require each applicant be a first-generation college student and/or low income. A first-generation college student is defined as a student where neither parent has earned/received a bachelor's degree from a college or university.

Please list below only those who are currently living with the applicant and providing financial assistance.

Father's (Guardian's) Name _____ Phone () _____
Address _____ Social Security Number _____
City/State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Educational Level: (check highest level completed)
High School Grade _____ BA/BS _____ major? _____

Occupation _____
Place of Employment _____ Phone () _____

Mother's (Guardian's) Name _____ Phone () _____
Address _____ Social Security Number _____
City/State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Educational Level: (check highest level completed)
High School Grade _____ BA/BS _____ major? _____

Occupation _____
Place of Employment _____ Phone () _____

Is a language other than English spoken in the home? If yes, please specify _____

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The financial and educational information you provide to the TRIO director is reported to the Department of Education and is protected by the Privacy Act. No one may see the information unless they work with or for the Educational Talent Search project or are specifically authorized by the Department of Education to evaluate the project. The Department of Education has authority to gather information to help make Educational Talent Search a better project (20 USC 1231a). Great care is taken to make sure that the personal information collected on Educational Talent Search students is kept confidential. Information or records relating to individual Educational Talent Search students or group(s) of students who are participating or have participated in Educational Talent Search projects shall not be disclosed to any person, group, agency, or organization without the express consent of the Director, and U.S. Department of Education.



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INCOME VERIFICATION

Please choose the documentation type of your choice to serve as your proof of status as low-income individual.
Please attach required additional documentation if needed.

1. Signed 1040 Tax Return 2. Signed Income Statement (complete section below)

SIGNED INCOME STATEMENT [Complete ONLY IF you checked #2 above]

Read the following definitions to determine if you are an **Independent** or a **Dependent** student. If you do not meet the criteria for independent student, you must fill out the dependent student section and have a parent(s) sign that portion.

...INDEPENDENT STUDENT Yes No

You must meet one of the following criteria to qualify as an independent student: Please check all that apply.
Not claimed on parents' income tax return **and** meets one of the below criteria.

- You are younger than 18 years of age and have no parent or guardian
- Have children or other legal dependents (other than a spouse) who receive more than half of their support from you
- At any time since reaching 13 years of age, you were an orphan, in foster care, or a ward of the court
- Prior to reaching 18 years of age, you were an emancipated minor, or you had a court-appointed legal guardian
- You are homeless (i.e., you lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence) or are at risk of becoming homeless

What is the total **number of persons in your family**? _____

What was your **family's taxable (not total) income** from the last calendar year?

- My family had no taxable income during the last calendar year.
- My family's **taxable (not total) income** from the last calendar year was: \$ _____
- My family **did not file** a federal income tax return for the last calendar year.
- My family's total income during last year was \$ _____

**Note: Taxable Income
can be found on the
federal income tax return**

**IRS Form 1040EZ, Line 6
IRS Form 1040A, Line 27
IRS Form 1040, Line 43**

...DEPENDENT STUDENT Yes No

What is the total **number of persons in your family**? _____

What was your **family's taxable (not total) income** from the last Calendar year? \$ _____

- My family had **no** taxable income during the last calendar year.
- My family's **taxable (not total) income** from the last calendar year was: \$ _____
- My family **did not file** a federal income tax return for the last calendar year. My family's total income during the last calendar year was: \$ _____

By signing this form, you are verifying the federal taxable income you reported is correct to the best of your knowledge. You understand that this information is **ONLY** for U.S. Department of Education for verification.

Parent(s) Signature(s) _____ Date _____

The Gloria J. Taylor Foundation TRIO Educational Talent Search
20080 Governors Drive Olympia Fields Illinois 60461 Phone (708) 960-0859
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Check any public benefits received: Public Assistance
Medicaid Free Lunch

PARENT RELEASE FOR STUDENT TRAVEL/ PHOTO RELEASE FORM

The Gloria J. Taylor Foundation (GJTF) to provide transportation for my child to program activities. I hereby release the GJTF- Educational Talent Search from any responsibility for any criminal act of malice, vandalism, theft and any other unlawful behavior during his/her trips sponsored by The Gloria J. Taylor Foundation.

In return for my son/daughter's attendance to program activities, I fully and forever RELEASE, WAIVE AND DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, The Gloria J. Taylor Foundation (including, but not limited to, its board of directors, employees, students acting as employee and representatives), from and for any and all demands, claims, actions, suits, damages, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, court costs and attorney's fees), from any causes whatsoever (including, but not limited to, travel delays, property damage and loss, bodily injuries, sickness, disease and death), directly or in directly arising in connection with my son/daughter's participation in the GJTF-ETS Program.

If for any reason my son/daughter engages in an unlawful act and is detained by the local police while traveling with the GJTF ETS program, an attempt will be made to notify me. In the event that I can or cannot be reached, I understand that the program staff will leave my son/daughter in the custody of the local police, and I assume full responsibility to make arrangements on his/her behalf.

Student Name _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PHOTO RELEASE

If admitted into the Gloria J. Taylor Foundation (GJTF) ETS I hereby grant GJTF permission to use my son/daughter's photograph. I understand that my image may be used in a wide variety of promotional materials including, newsletters, flyers, posters, brochures, advertisements, fundraising letters, annual reports, press kits, websites, social media networking sites and other print and digital communication.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the Gloria J. Taylor Foundation and will not be returned.

I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

This consent is effective for the entire duration my child is in this program or until he/she is turns 18 years of age, whichever comes first.

Student Name _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

