

Topical Heading

Higher and Continuing Education

Program Title

Talent Search Program

Also Known as

TRIO (Talent Search is one of several TRIO programs.)

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.044

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

IHEs, public and private agencies or organizations, or a combination of these, and, in exceptional circumstances, secondary schools, may apply.

Current Competitions

None. FY 2008 funds support continuations and additional awards from prior year competition.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006 \$149,628,000

Fiscal Year 2007 \$143,077,000

Fiscal Year 2008 \$142,884,000

Note: The amount shown for each fiscal year under Appropriations above is a portion of the total appropriation for federal TRIO programs in that year.

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of Anticipated New Awards: 30 (from prior competition)

Average New Award: \$345,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 441

Average Continuation Award: \$300,000

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2, Chapter 1, Sec.402B; 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070a-12

Program Regulations

EDGAR; 34 CFR 643

Program Description

This program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to the postsecondary institution of their choice. Talent Search also serves high school dropouts by encouraging them to reenter the education system and complete their education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youths from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in postsecondary education institutions of their choice.

Types of Projects

Projects provide tutorial services, career exploration, aptitude assessments, counseling, mentoring programs, workshops, and information on postsecondary institutions.

Education Level (by category)

Middle School, Secondary

Education Level (specifically)

Grades 6–12

Subject Index

Academic Achievement, Disadvantaged, High-Risk Students, Low Income, Postsecondary Education, Secondary Education

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<http://www.ed.gov/programs/triotalent/index.html>