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# **Next Steps**

## Am I eligible?

- Are you currently in 7th-11th grade?
- Do you want to go to college?
- Would you be the first person in your family to go to college?
- Do you have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0?
- Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or do you plan to become a U.S. citizen?

## How do I apply?

• Go to https://central.edu/talentsearch or pick up a paper copy at your school counselor's office.

## What happens after I apply?

- Staff will review your application to determine your eligibility.
- Staff will contact you to notify you of your acceptance.

### **Questions?**

• Please call

1-800-527-4047



Participation in the program is voluntary. Although the program is administered through Central College, it is not a recruiting tool for the college. Talent Search does not promote any particular post-secondary institution but makes information available on as many schools and/or training programs as possible. The choice to continue education, and where to go, is the decision of each individual student.

Talent Search is 100% funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$484,852 to serve 874 students in grades 7 through 12 in the target schools designated in the grant.



## TRIO TALENT SEARCH



## Talent Search...

is a federal TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Our staff work with students in 7th-12th grade to provide support and services that empower students. We aim to create a community that facilitates mentorship, advocacy, and leadership opportunities. The goal of Talent Search is to prepare students to graduate from high school and pursue postsecondary education. This could include going to a four-year university or private college, a community college, or a vocational-technical training program.



## **Program Services**

#### Workshops:

- Study skills & goal setting
- Teamwork & leadership
- College & career information
- Financial literacy

### Field Trips:

- College visits
- Freshmen College Experience
- Sophomore trip (out-of-state)
- Cultural events-performances, museums, games

#### Academic Support:

- Selecting classes needed for college admission
- Access to tutoring
- Information on alternative education programs

### **College Planning and Assistance:**

- Individual college advising
- ACT test support
- College application support
- Financial aid information



# Talent Search Success

79%

of our students complete a rigorous curriculum.

**99%** of our seniors graduate from high school.



Talent Search helped me map out my future and made it easier for me to plan. It gave me opportunities to meet new people and better my social skills.

It was so much fun being given all of these opportunities to visit colleges, hang out with friends, and attend fun events. It was one of the best parts of high school.

Talent Search is definitely beneficial in so many ways, but one of the best is to help you get you foot into the college door. Talent Search is full of super helpful people, and I am very thankful for them. I always loved our college visits. My favorite was when we went to St. Louis.

66%

of our students enroll in a post-secondary institution.



of our students graduate from a post-secondary institution compared to 23.9% of their peers.

All services are provided to students for <u>FREE</u>. Check out the complete list of services on our website, at https://central.edu/talentsearch.