

Educational Talent Search

Overview

ETS, a federally funded TRIO program of the U.S. Department of Education, is designed to assist participants in reaching their academic potential. The program assists students who meet federal income guidelines and those who may be the first in their families to go to college. The services of ETS are intended to support those offered through guidance offices in selected districts of Lexington and Fairfield counties of South Carolina.

While the ETS staff is employed through Midlands Technical College, the program is not used as a recruitment tool for the college. Rather, participants receive assistance in applying to any college, university or other qualified institution of post-secondary education.

Purpose

The following goals guide the work of the ETS staff:

- Identify, recruit, and select participants who have the potential to succeed in completing high school or GED programs, as well as post-secondary education
- Familiarize participants with the college selection, admissions and financial aid application processes
- Assess and guide participants' interests in professional careers
- Teach participants to use state-of-the-art technology to explore careers and colleges, and to improve their school performance
- Provide experiences that will enhance participants' intellectual, cultural, social and personal development
- Motivate participants to maximize their academic and personal potential

High School Component

ETS at Midlands Technical College serves the following high schools: Airport, Batesburg-Leesville, Brookland-Cayce, Fairfield Central, Gilbert, Pelion and Swansea. Services may include:

9th Grade

- Educational Track for 2- or 4-Year Colleges
- Academic Skills Development
- Learning Styles
- Appreciating Diversity
- Goal Setting

10th Grade

- PSAT Overview and Preparation
- Career Interest Inventory
- Career Center Research Trip
- College Majors and Career Fields
- Goal Setting

11th Grade

- PSAT Overview and Preparation
- Selecting the Right Colleges
- Using College Information Resources
- Financial Aid Overview
- SAT/ACT Registration Assistance
- Preparing for Senior Year

12th Grade

- Senior Checklist
- College Admissions Overview
- College Application Assistance
- SAT/ACT/COMPASS Assistance
- Financial Aid Form Assistance
- Understanding a College Catalogue
- College Survival Skills

Middle School Component

ETS at Midlands Technical College serves the following middle schools: Batesburg-Leesville, Busbee, Fairfield Middle, Northside and Sandhills. Services may include:

6th Grade

- Goal Setting
- Self Esteem
- Decision Making
- Study Skills/Test Taking
- Learning Styles
- College Awareness

7th Grade

- Goal Setting
- Decision Making
- Career Inventory or Assessment
- Career Awareness
- College Awareness

8th Grade

- Goal Setting
- Career Awareness and Inventory
- College Awareness
- Preparing for High School



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How can I apply?

The Application for ETS is available by calling (803) 822-3628, or sending a written request to:

**Educational Talent Search
Midlands Technical College
P.O. Box 2408
Columbia, SC 29202
www.midlandstech.edu/ets
Email: ets@midlandstech.edu**

Esta solicitud también está disponible en español. Si necesita una solicitud en español, llame al (803) 822-3628 y se le enviará una por correo.

Other TRIO Programs

Midlands Technical College hosts three other federally funded TRIO programs: Educational Opportunity Center, Student Support Services and Upward Bound. Descriptions of each program and contact information are provided below.

Although TRIO programs at Midlands Technical College serve only residents of Fairfield and Lexington counties, other institutions in the Midlands, South Carolina, and throughout the United States do host similar programs. Please call (803) 822-3628 to inquire about the availability and location of other TRIO programs.



Educational Opportunity Center

EOC provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults (19 and over) who want to begin or continue a college education. The program also provides in-depth financial aid information and assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Participants may also receive career counseling, tutoring, and mentoring; EOC services are offered through adult education centers and social services offices in Fairfield and Lexington counties.

**Applications can be obtained at:
Airport - Lexington 153, (803) 822-3749**

Student Support Services

This program assists students who attend Midlands Technical College. Eligible participants, including students with disabilities, receive close academic counseling, career assessment/counseling, financial aid counseling, peer mentoring, cultural enrichment opportunities, and transfer assistance.

The goal of Student Support Services is to assist students in becoming successful and academically competitive.

**Applications may be obtained at:
Airport - ASC 201, (803) 822-3032**

Upward Bound

Upward Bound prepares potential first-generation college students for higher education by providing instruction in literature, composition, math and science on college campuses. Instruction is offered on Saturdays during the school year and for six weeks during the summer.

The program provides services to high school students in designated areas of Fairfield and Lexington counties. Comprehensive and intensive academic, social, career and motivational activities enable participants to complete secondary education and take advantage of post-secondary educational opportunities.

**Applications can be obtained at:
Midlands Technical College
Airport Campus - Lexington Hall 153
(803) 822-3384**

Midlands Technical College does not discriminate in admissions or employment on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin or ethnic group, age, religion, military service or disability. The compliance officer for Affirmative Action, Equal Employment Opportunity and Disability Action can be reached at (803) 822-3261.

To ensure the quality and availability of services, ETS requests that students with disabilities notify the ETS Director at (803) 822-3628 of any disability accommodation needs at least 30 working days prior to a scheduled activity for which an accommodation is needed. Call (803) 822-3401 for a TDD Superprint telephone.

The contents of this application were developed under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Those contents do not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education, however, and you should not assume endorsement by the federal government.

How to Contact Educational Talent Search

ETS Recruitment Hotline

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General Inquiries

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Middle School Advisor

(803) 822-3623

- Batesburg-Leesville
- Busbee
- Fairfield
- Northside
- Sandhills

High School Advisor

(803) 822-3625

- Airport
- Batesburg-Leesville
- Pelion

High School Advisor

(803) 822-3494

- Brookland-Cayce
- Fairfield Central
- Swansea

High School Advisor/Director

(803) 822-3624

- Gilbert

