



# Educational Talent Search

Midlands Technical College



## Dear Applicant:

Below you will find an application to the Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program at Midlands Technical College. ETS, a federally funded grant program of the United States Department of Education, is designed to assist 6th through 12th grade students in Lexington and Fairfield counties in South Carolina. Services are intended to help participants complete high school and to enroll in colleges and universities.

We invite you to complete this application and return it in the attached envelope. If you have any questions regarding this application or the ETS program, please call (803) 822-3628. Thank you for your interest in Educational Talent Search.

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## Applicant Information

Please indicate the information requested. Where multiple choices are given, please check or circle the correct item.

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sex  Female  Male Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Race / Ethnicity  Black/African American  American Indian/Alaska Native  Asian  Caucasian  
(Check one)  Hispanic/Latino  Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  Multiracial  Other

What language other than English, if any, is spoken in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer each of the following:

Are you a U.S. citizen?	Yes	No
Is English your first/primary language?	Yes	No
Are you enrolled in Upward Bound or another ETS program?	Yes	No

## Household Information

1. With whom do you live?  Both Parents  Mother  Father  Legal Guardian  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of Parent/Legal Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address, if Different from Above \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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(803) 822-3628 • [www.midlandstech.edu/ets](http://www.midlandstech.edu/ets)**

ETS is required to verify that our participants meet federal criteria based on educational background and household income level. This information is required of all applicants, and may need to be verified in order for students to qualify for participation. ETS and Midlands Technical College ensure that all information provided will be held in confidence.

**Please indicate the highest education level completed by each of your biological/adoptive parents:**

4. Mother     Elementary school (K-8)                       High school/GED                       Unknown  
                   2-year college Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_  
                   4-year college Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_
5. Father     Elementary school (K-8)                       High school/GED                       Unknown  
                   2-year college Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_  
                   4-year college Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_
6. Does the applicant/student receive free or reduced lunch?     Yes     No
7. Gross Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Note: This may also be known as your annual salary plus any bonuses.)
8. Size of Family \_\_\_\_\_ (# in household)
9. Please indicate tax return filing status     Single                       Head of Household                       Married
10. Indicate the total yearly amount your household receives from each of the following:  
                  AFDC    \$ \_\_\_\_\_                      Child Support    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
                  Disability \$ \_\_\_\_\_                      Social Security \$ \_\_\_\_\_                      Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement**

Please write a brief statement indicating why you want to participate in the Educational Talent Search program. You may also include what you expect to gain from your participation in the program.

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**Certification and Signatures**

- I/We certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.
- I/We authorize the release of my school and/or financial records to the Educational Talent Search program, including standardized test scores (PSAT, PLAN, SAT, ACT, PACT, etc.).
- I/We understand that completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the Educational Talent Search program.
- I/We understand that the information provided on this application will be held in confidence by the ETS staff.
- I/We consent to the student using the Internet and other technology, and accept responsibility for appropriate use thereof.
- I/We understand that if I need accommodation for a disability to participate in ETS, or in any of its scheduled activities, I must contact the Director of Educational Talent Search at (803) 822-3628 at least 30 working days prior to the activity.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Office Use Only**

Eligibility Code:  
 BW    FG    LI    NE    TBD

Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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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**Columbia, SC 29202**  
**[ets@midlandstech.edu](mailto:ets@midlandstech.edu)**

## 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  
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## 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

(803) 822-3459

### General Inquiries

(803) 822-3628 Voice

(803) 822-3414 Fax

P.O. Box 2408

Columbia, SC 29202-9957

### Email:

ets@midlandstech.edu

### Internet:

www.midlandstech.edu/ets

### 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



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