

WHO WE ARE: The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program, hosted through Eastern Kentucky University, is funded through the U.S. Department of Education and is one of the federal TRIO Programs.

WHAT WE DO: ETS provides guidance, resources, materials and opportunities to assist participants through high school graduation and preparation for continuing their education beyond high school. *All ETS activities and services are FREE.*

WHO WE SERVE: Students in grades 6th – 12th, living in Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lee & Madison counties. Two-thirds of participants must meet federal income & first-generation guidelines.

WHAT AN ETS SCHOLAR STANDS TO GAIN: ETS Scholars can acquire additional information, materials, skills, and experiences that will broaden their understanding of pathways available to them.

HOW TO APPLY: The process includes completing an application (hard-copy or online) and submitting required income information to ETS. All submitted information is strictly confidential. Individuals are selected based on eligibility and timeliness of application. The online **ETS Application** can be found on the ETS website at: <https://ets.eku.edu/apply-ets>.

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ETS SCHOLARS: (ETS services are provided in multiple formats that include in-school meetings when possible, virtually online and through hard-copy mail exchange opportunities).

Academic Advising

Assistance with selection of classes
Study skills and strategies
Learning styles
Tutoring
Academic Resources
Test Taking Strategies & ACT Preparation

Post-Secondary Education

Information on colleges, universities, vocational technical schools and other post-secondary options
College admission requirements, application assistance, options for post-secondary educational programs.
Orientation for life after high school

Career Counseling

Career exploration, choices, and planning
Career interest inventories
Career/Family Day and career speakers

Financial Aid Information & Assistance

Money management
Financial aid workshops for parents & students
State & Regional Scholarship Opportunities
Assistance with FAFSA & scholarship applications
College work-study, grants, loans

Personal Development

Goal setting and decision-making skills
Organization and time management skills
Assertiveness, Communication skills
Cultural diversity
Self-Advocacy

Additional Services

One to One Individual & Small Group Advising/Mentoring
College, Career, Cultural Site Exploration Field Trips
Identification of support services & resources
Contacts with post-secondary school representatives
Referral for Vocational Rehabilitation if needed
GED information if applicable
Guidance for Adults interested in returning to school
Online & Virtual Opportunities

*We use **Remind** messaging, **Google Classroom**, **Facebook** and **E-mail** as communication tools with our students and parent/guardians. **Students are required to have an e-mail for communication purposes.***

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