

**Topical Heading**

Higher and Continuing Education

**Program Title**

# Talent Search Program

**Also Known as**

TRIO (Talent Search is one of eight 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 2007 funds support continuations and additional awards from FY 2006 competition. Competitions are held every four years. Next competition expected: FY 2010.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

**Appropriations**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Fiscal Year 2005 | \$144,649,000 |
| Fiscal Year 2006 | \$149,628,000 |
| Fiscal Year 2007 | \$144,374,000 |

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 2007 Awards Information**

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

Number of Anticipated New Awards: 200 (from FY 2006 competition)

Number of Continuation Awards: 273

Average Continuation Award: \$310,000

**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 educational 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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**Links to Related Web Sites**

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