

Purpose

Educational Talent Search is an educational access and retention program with an emphasis on college access. It identifies students with the potential for post-secondary level education and assists them in preparing for enrollment in university, community college, or technical training programs.

History of TRiO

The progressive history of TRiO began as a direct result of President Johnson's administration's War on Poverty in 1964. The first outreach program established was Upward Bound. A year later, the Educational Talent Search was created as part of the Higher Education Act. In 1968, Student Support Services became the third program in the series, thus creating the term "TRiO" to describe the family of federal programs.

As the first TRiO program to exist within the City Colleges of Chicago, Educational Talent Search has assisted thousands of students in gaining access to college for more than 20 years. The program was first located at Dawson Technical Institute, a subsidiary of Kennedy-King College. Today, Educational Talent Search exists on Kennedy-King College's main campus, proudly serving 652 students annually from grades seventh through twelve.

Eligibility Requirements

- 7th-12th grade student
- Qualifies within the low income eligibility requirements

Services

- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Personal, Career and Academic Counseling
- STEM classes
- ACT/SAT Prep
- Educational field trips
- Financial Aid Workshops
- College Admissions workshops
- Dual Enrollment classes
- College tours



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