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**Educational Talent Search** is a federally funded TRIO program which assists targeted participants in Valdosta City Schools and Brooks County Schools in preparation for post secondary enrollment, provides families with various financial aid programs, and encourages high school and college dropouts to re-enter academic programs. Our efforts are coordinated with local service providers including target school personnel, community agencies, and existing peer support systems. Our goal is to break down social, cultural, academic, and economic barriers to college attainment and retention.

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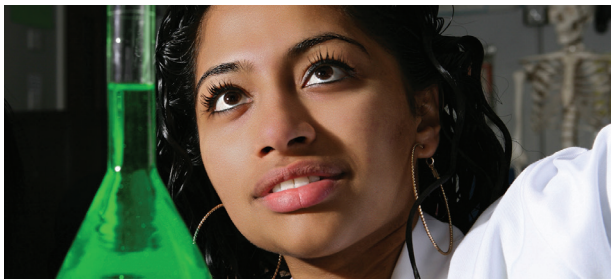
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### PROGRAM SERVICES

After completing the interview and assessments, participants will be exposed to a plethora of activities and programs, specifically designed to meet academic goals including the following:

- Free tutoring and standardized test preparation utilizing test prep software and individual instruction
- Free advice and counseling from program staff in areas of academic curriculum, career choice, financial aid, and college admissions
- Free student leadership seminars and college/university campus visits
- Free workshops and summer enrichment that focus on community service, cultural and academic skills enhancement
- Free access to PSAT/SAT/ACT college fee waivers for eligible participants

### OUR MISSION

The mission of the Talent Search Program is to enable targeted individuals to enhance their overall quality of life by providing comprehensive intervention of academic and career-related services within available resources.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Educational Talent Search (ETS) targets first generation and/or low income middle, junior high, high school, and out of school participants via contacts with school administrators, counselors, teachers, community liaisons, and referrals. Participants can be enrolled upon completion of the fifth grade and will complete a mandatory interview and needs assessment prior to participation.



### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Contact our office at 229-333-5463 to set up an interview. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for all minor participants.