
CCBC CATONSVILLE

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Educational Talent Search serves young people in grades six through twelve, GED recipients, secondary school non-completers and secondary school completers less than 27 years of age who have not earned a baccalaureate degree. It is funded under the Higher Education Act of 1965, 1998 Higher Education Amendments of the Federal Early Outreach and Students Services Programs under the auspices of the US Department of Education.

PURPOSE

- Identify qualified students with potential for education at the post-secondary level and to encourage such students to complete their secondary education and to undertake a program of post-secondary education.
- Publicize the availability of student financial assistance available to persons who pursue a program of post-secondary education.
- Encourage persons who have not completed programs of education at the secondary or post-secondary level, but who have the ability to complete such programs, to re-enter such programs.

DESIGN

Educational Talent Search, one of the original TRIO programs, is a pre-college intervention outreach program offering information, educational guidance counseling and technical support assistance in the pursuit of postsecondary education for middle school students, high school students, high school non-completers and high school graduates. The program reflects the need to provide information to persons who might not be aware of postsecondary educational opportunities.

In fiscal year 1991, Educational Talent Search programs began an early intervention initiative working with middle school students and their parents. It is anticipated that earlier intervention will enable programs to continue critical advising and intervention at the high school level.

In addition to educational counseling, Educational Talent Search programs provide information about college admissions requirements and the availability of scholarship and student financial aid programs. Eligible participants also get help in completing and submitting admission and financial aid applications.

The Community College of Baltimore County Catonsville campus Educational Talent Search program serves eligible participants who reside in the target communities served by the following schools.

Middle Schools

Lansdowne Middle
Southwest Academy
Woodlawn Middle

High Schools

Lansdowne High
Milford Mill Academy
Woodlawn High

*Western School of Technology and Environmental Science

Catonsville Center for Alternative Studies

Bridge Center

***Only serves students who were in the program prior to entering Western School of Technology & Environmental Science.**