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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a TRIO Grant Program that is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, serving eligible students in grades 6 through 12. ETS equips students who have the desire and academic potential for post-secondary education, this includes college, university, technical, and vocational schools, as well as apprenticeships. We offer services through group sessions and individual meetings at their school. This is at NO COST to students or their families, ETS is 100% federally funded. Outreach Advisors from ETS provide services and information on the following topics:

- Career Exploration
- Academic Guidance/Advisement
- College Options & Requirements
- 21st Century Scholars & Scholartrack
- Connections to Tutoring Services
- Enrichment Activities
- Scholarship/Financial Aid Information
- Campus Visits
- College Selection and College Admission Process
- Financial/Money Management
- FAFSA (Financial Aid Form)
- College Exam Preparation

With changes to the Indiana High School Diploma, students have more options than ever before. However, these choices also mean students must choose a career path at an earlier age to determine which Diploma Seal(s) best align with their future goals. ETS is a valuable resource to help your child explore career options, make informed decisions, and prepare for a successful future.

ETS selection criteria and eligibility requirements:

- Two-thirds of our ETS participants must meet both the Federal Department of Education Taxable Income guidelines and be first generation (*neither parent has a bachelor's degree*).
- Preference for the other one-third is given to those meeting one of the guidelines above.
- Students who do not meet the income or first-generation criteria may still be eligible for participation in the program, based on the availability of open positions and needs identified on the application.
- Students must be at least 11 years old and have completed the 5th grade.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Applying to the program is easy, a parent/guardian must complete the Application and Information Release Form. In order to ensure we qualify students correctly; we encourage you to use the optional Income Eligibility Calculator found in the form on page 2, before providing the required income range and family size. A parent/guardian may also apply using our online application found at www.vinu.edu/ets or scan the QR Code below.
Please follow us on Facebook at ETS – Vincennes University for information on current activities, services, and reminders.

If you have any questions, contact us at 812-888-4298 (Vincennes Office) or 812-888-2878 (Ft. Branch Office).

Sincerely,

Educational Talent Search Staff

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Enclosure
26-27 grant year

OPTIONAL: You may use the QR Code above to complete our secure, online application through Jotform, instead of the paper application

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