



INCLUSIVE WEBSITE EXPERIENCE

Lake-Sumter State College is committed to ensuring that all students and visitors, including persons with disabilities, are able to access and use all of our services, programs and activities. We recognize that many individuals are increasingly using our website to access information and obtain services.

We understand that website users who have disabilities may use the website with the assistance of technology, including screen readers, captioning, transcripts, and other auxiliary aids and services. We are committed to providing all website users with information about our services and alternative ways we can offer these services.

Lake-Sumter State College is committed to making our websites accessible to all audiences. We are continually seeking solutions to improve LSSC.edu. Our website offers a wide range of information, and we recognize that for users with disabilities, some material on our site may pose challenges. If there are changes we can make to our website to make it easier to use, or if you encounter material or services that you cannot access, please let us know. Your feedback helps us to identify areas where we can improve.

We strive to ensure that our website will comply with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) put forth by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), but recognize that alternatives to using the website should be available in the event that a user with a disability encounters a problem using our website.

If you are unable to access information or documents posted on this website, please send us an email at websupport@lssc.edu with as much of the following information as possible:

- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your email address
- The date and time you encountered the problem
- The web page or address where the problem occurred
- What occurred or what you were unable to do
- Any error messages you received.

Lake-Sumter State College Talent Search is a federally funded program (US Department of Education) for qualifying students in selected middle and high schools who have the determination to attend the college of their choice. Our goal is to assure that our participants graduate from high school, apply and enter the college of their choice, secure financial aid/scholarships to pay for their college education, and graduate with a postsecondary educational degree. The program is based at Lake-Sumter State College, but a representative from the program will be at your child's school on a regular basis throughout the year to talk with students about their educational goals and to help them identify and achieve their full potential for excellence. The program is 100% grant funded and all services are FREE to participants. Our program provides the following services to middle and high schools.

- ❖ Academic Advisement
- ❖ Career Exploration for College
- ❖ College Admissions Assistance
- ❖ College Tours and Cultural Events
- ❖ Study Skills/Decision Making
- ❖ Homework Assistance for Middle School Students
- ❖ Financial Aid Workshops
- ❖ FSA/EOC/SAT/ACT Test Prep
- ❖ Financial Literacy
- ❖ Scholarship Information

In order to participate, students must submit an application, and be deemed financially eligible by the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Education. Students will be selected for the program based on their need for these services and on their qualifications. A portion of the participants must demonstrate economic need and be the first generation of their family. We are particularly interested in serving *low income and *first generation college students, but *others may apply.

- *Low- Income:** Refers to an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of poverty level amount.
- *First-generation:** Means neither biological nor adoptive parents have earned a four-year college degree.
- *Others:** Students whose parent have a four-year college degree or exceed the financial guidelines above, however demonstrate an academic need.

Any financial information you provide will be for statistical use of the LSSC Talent Search Program and will be held strictly confidential. School offices will not be provided with these records. Thank you for taking the time to allow your child to have access to this beneficial program. Please help your child complete this application and return it with your child to their school counselor or mail it to the address below. For more information, please contact our program at 352-323-3606 or via e-mail at TalentSearch@LSSC.edu

ALL LSSC TALENT SEARCH ACTIVITIES ARE FREE TO EACH PARTICIPANT!

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Please be sure this application is completed & signed by the student/applicant and parent/guardian.

- School Transcript - including current grades, grade-point average (GPA), and FSA scores (*math, reading, and writing for 8th grade or 10th grade EOC in biology and algebra 1*). You can obtain this from your guidance office.
- Copy of student's social security card and/or copy of permanent resident card. (*if applicable*)
- Family Income Verification - parents/guardians will need to complete the section that applies to them and make sure to sign/date. If applicable provide proof of most recent income tax form or other appropriate documentation. Please note all documentations will need to be signed for verification purposes.

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION:Information on this form is confidential. Complete all items on the application using **black or blue ink. DO NOT USE PENCIL.****PART I: BIOGRAPHICAL/SCHOOL INFORMATION (APPLICANT/STUDENT)**

Date of Birth: ____/____/____					
Current School:		Current Cum G.P.A.:		Current Grade (6-12th):	
First Name:		MI:	Last Name:		
Street/Mailing Address:			City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Student Cell Phone:		May we contact you via cell phone text? Yes ___ No ___	
Student E-mail:				Gender: (circle one) FEMALE MALE OTHER	
Ethnicity: (check only one) Hispanic, Latino or Spanish: Yes ___ No ___ Non-Hispanic, Latino or Spanish: Yes ___ No ___		Preferred language spoken in the home: English ___ Spanish ___ Other _____		Are you a ward of the court? Yes ___ No ___ (If you are, please provide documents)	
Race: (check ALL that apply) American Indian/Alaskan Native: ___ Asian: ___ Black or African-American: ___ Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: ___ Hispanic: ___ White/Caucasian: ___ Other (please specify): ___					
Have you previously participated in a federal TRiO Program? Yes ___ No ___, If yes, please list the name of the program: _____					
As required by the US Department of Education, please complete the following questions in order to be considered for the LSSC Talent Search PACE Project.					
Are you a US Citizen? Yes ___ No ___ If you are not, are you a permanent Resident Alien? Yes ___ No ___ A#: _____					
NOTE: You must be a US citizen or legal resident of the United States in order to participate in and receive services from LSSC Talent Search Program. If you are not a US citizen, enter your Permanent Alien Registration Number. If your number is only eight digits, enter a zero after the "A".					
STUDENT NEEDS/INTERESTS ASSESSMENT					
Do you plan to attend college? Yes ___ No ___		Are you taking any Advance/Honors/Dual Enrollment Classes? Yes ___ No ___, If yes, please indicate the classes below you are taking: _____ , _____			
Other (e.g. military): _____					
Which do you plan to enroll in after completing high school? (Please check one below) ___ College/University (4 year) ___ Community College (2 year) Program ___ Career Training ___ Military Program ___ Undecided					
Listed below are some possible LSSC Talent Search activities. Check the area(s) with which you would like information or need help with:					
___ College Awareness • Admission • Financial Aid • Campus Tours • Scholarship • ACT/SAT Prep	___ Career Awareness • Career Planning • Goal Setting • Interest Inventory • Decision Making	___ Academics • Study Skills • Test-Taking Skills • Time Management • Course Selection	___ Character Development • Peer Pressure • Self-Esteem • Listening Skills • Middle/High School Transitioning	___ Homework Assistance/ Tutoring • Math • English • Science	Other (Please list) _____ _____ _____
Applicant/Student PRINT Name: _____					
Applicant/Student Signature: _____				Date: _____	

PART II: PARENT INFORMATION

To parent or legal guardian: The personal information, including financial status and educational levels, given to the LSSC Talent Search Program is used for reporting purposes with the United States Department of Education. No one may access, view or utilize the information unless they work with or for LSSC Talent Search Program or unless they are given specific or legal authorization to said information. This information is required to determine if your child meets federal eligibility guidelines established by regulation of the United States Department of Education. All information is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 20 USC 1231a).

With whom does the applicant/student live? Check all that apply below.

Both Parents: Father: Mother: Grandparents: Legal Guardian: Other (please specify): _____

Father/ Guardian Name:	Mother/ Guardian Name:
Highest Education Level Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Did not complete high school <input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma/GED <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (2 year) <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors Degree (4 year) or higher	Highest Education Level Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Did not complete high school <input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma/GED <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (2 year) <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors Degree (4 year) or higher
Home Number:	Home Number:
Cell Number:	Cell Number:
Address:	Address:
Email Address:	Email Address:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Employer:	Employer:

LSSC Talent Search Program works in partnership with parents to encourage and prepare students for education after high school. You are invited to participate in all LSSC Talent Search activities. If you would like to volunteer to chaperone student activities, please indicate. **Yes, I would like to be contacted to volunteer.**

PARENT CONTRACT:

For my child to remain eligible to participate in LSSC Talent Search program, I will:

- Encourage my child to do homework and get help with homework as needed
- Encourage my child to participate in LSSC Talent Search program workshops, activities, and campus visits
- Notify LSSC Talent Search program with any address and/or phone changes
- My GOAL is to assist my child in succeeding in his/her education

I certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my child is required to attend all LSSC Talent Search activities and events until his/her graduation from high school. I understand that my involvement and support is critical in my child's success with school and the LSSC Talent Search program. I will fully support my child's participation in the program.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

PART III: FAMILY INCOME INFORMATION

THE LSSC Talent Search Program is a Federally Funded Program. For the applicant to qualify, verification of income is necessary. ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND FOR PROGRAM USE ONLY.

Check any of the services your family receives: Free School Lunch Reduced Lunch

How many family members (adults and children) are living in the household? _____

IF YOU DID FILE A TAX RETURN: (IF THIS APPLIES TO YOU, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW)

What was your family's total **TAXABLE** income last year? \$ _____

(Do NOT leave blank. If you have no taxable income, enter "0".)

*PLEASE NOTE: See page 2, line 11b of your IRS tax form 1040 which documents the TAXABLE INCOME identified above, total taxable family income must accompany this application.
On IRS Form: 1040 (2019) see line 11b*

By signing this income verification Form, I am verifying that the information that I have provided to the LSSC Talent Search program is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

IF YOU DID NOT FILE A TAX RETURN: (IF THIS APPLIES TO YOU, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW)

Family household income was \$ _____ **(Do NOT leave blank)** My family had no taxable income. Our only support was from one of the following below. **(check all that apply below and insert amount):**

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Assistance (AFDC /TANF)	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security/SSI	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps/ WIC/SNAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

(*Documentation of the sources of income must be submitted for the application to be considered.)

By signing this income verification Form, I am verifying that the information that I have provided to the LSSC Talent Search program is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

PART III: PARENT AND STUDENT RELEASE CONSENT

TRACKING:

I hereby give permission for the LSSC Talent Search program to retrieve, store and report education verification information and student outcomes research about me that is gained from the National Clearinghouse and other services.

RESEARCH:

I hereby give permission for LSSC Talent Search program to collect and report pertinent information related to ongoing research questions in the TRiO Center. No identifiable data will be made public, but aggregate data may be published or presented including: academic measures (GPA & Test Scores), involvement at Lake-Sumter State College and in TRiO, and other educational or personal data that is relevant to the research.

MEDICAL RELEASE:

If medical services are needed by my son/daughter while participating in the LSSC Talent Search program activities or on field trips, I give my permission for my son/daughter to receive any medical services deemed necessary.

RECORDS RELEASE:

I authorize the *LSSC Talent Search* at LSSC to access and/or request copies of academic transcripts, grade reports, report cards, standardized test scores, contact information, and any other academic information from the high schools and colleges I attend through my college graduation. I understand that the U.S. Department of Education funds the LSSC Talent Search program and will use these records to provide academic advisement and other services. I also understand that these records will be handled in a confidential manner and that they will be made available only to program staff and representatives from Federal and State Departments of Education. I/We also give permission to *LSSC Talent Search* to request the information identified above from each high school and college that our son or daughter attends. Note: A photocopy of this record release form should be accepted as an original and the date of the application has bearing when Lake-Sumter State College Talent Search Program requests the information.

ACTIVITY AND FIELD TRIP AUTHORIZATION/RELEASE:

As the parent/guardian of the applicant I do willingly execute this release in consideration of the educational benefit to be derived by my child in participating in LSSC Talent Search. I hereby release from liability and hold LSSC harmless from any and all claims and causes of action which might be brought by my child for loss of property, personal injury or death sustained by my child arising out of travel or activity conducted by or under the control of the College. I understand that the term "College" as used here in shall include the employees, administrators, agents, and Board of Trustees.

PHOTO RELEASE:

I, being the parent or guardian hereby consent that the photograph/video my son/daughter and/or to use their likeness in photograph(s)/video(s) in any and all of its publications, and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing controlled by LSSC Talent Search program, in perpetuity, and for other uses by the College or Program. I will make NO monetary or other claim against LSSC Talent Search program for the use of the photograph(s)/video(s).

By my signature below, I hereby agree to and fully understand all the above issues/conditions and do accept full responsibility as outline above.

Student/Applicant Print Name: _____

Student/Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____