**(**Talent Search Logo)

**Weatherford College TRIO, Educational Talent Search program changes lives and transforms communities through Education.**

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 **What is Talent Search**

Weatherford College, TRIO Educational Talent Search Program is a **FREE** program *funded by the U.S. Department of Education*. Talent Search targets students who are disadvantaged and provides them with assistance with college preparation and enrollment for ANY college.

**All** Talent Search services are FREE of cost to students who qualify for the program.

 (Photo-Students with President Lyndon B. Johnson Statue)

**Sign up NOW for Educational Talent Search**

You can contact us ***at*** ***talentsearch@wc.edu*** ***or 817- 598-6497***

***The Talent Search Program at Weatherford College is 100% funded with federal funds from the U.S.***

**(TRIO EDCUATIONAL TALENT SEARCH LOGO)**

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**Who can Join Talent Search**

In order to be eligible for selection as Talent Search participants, students must meet the following:

* Must be at least 11 years of age & in grades 6-12th
* **Must Be a US Citizen or eligible permanent resident**
* Must meet certain income requirement
* Must attend one of our target schools

**Target Schools**

**Bridgeport High School**

**Bridgeport Middle School**

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**Jacksboro High School**

**Jacksboro Middle School**

**Mineral Wells High School**

**Mineral Wells Jr High**

**Santo High School**

**Santo Jr High**

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**Springtown High School**

**Springtown Middle School**

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**Weatherford High School**

**Weatherford Ninth Grade Center**

**Shirley Hall Middle School**

**Joe M. Tison Middle School**

**Services**

* Individual and Group Advising
* College and Career Exploration
* Assistance with college, financial aid and scholarship application
* Fee Waivers for College Applications
* FREE College, Career and Cultural Field Trips
* Fee Waivers for SAT/ACT/TSI test
* Assistance with SAT/ACT/TSI Test Preparation and Registration
* Mentoring and self-Development
* **Assistance during Summer especially for Seniors transitioning to college**

 **Talent Search Application Link**

 <https://botform.compansol.com/201946132570047>

(Talent Search Printable Application)

**Brief History of TRIO**

In his quest to create the “Great Society” president Lyndon B. Johnson created the TRIO program as a weapon to fight poverty. The first TRIO program, Upward Bound was created in 1964 and was highly successfully. Thus, a second program Talent Search was then created in 1965, and following this six more TRIO programs were launched giving a total of eight TRIO programs.

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html>

In 1986, a congressional resolution declared that Saturday, February 28, 1986, should be designated as “National TRIO Day” to commemorate the annual achievements of the Federal TRIO programs across the nation. Since then the fourth Saturday in February has been designated as National Trio Day.

**Meet the Staff**

**(Photo of Stacy Rhodes)**

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 **(Deborah Jogie-Cregger photo)**

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**Education changed my life for the better! Coming from a third world country (Grenada, Caribbean) I didn’t see college as an option for many reasons and my parents (who didn’t complete middle school level) barely had enough to adequately provide for our family. However, I was able to complete a doctoral degree and this was possible only because many people helped guide me along the pathway to higher education. They were my guiding light- “A torch”! Thus, my goal is to continue passing on this “torch” to others who are less fortunate so they too can have a more productive and rewarding life. Educational Talent Search allows me to be a guiding light- a torch to other and this I do with all my heart because I believe that Education change lives and Communities!**

**(Photo of Sammie Calixtro)**

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