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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

My name is **Caitlin Gourneau**. I work for the University of South Dakota as the **TRIO Educational Talent Search Advisor** for Cheyenne River. I am excited about bringing this program to you, because it can make a big positive difference in preparing students for college and/or their chosen career.

What is TRIO Educational Talent Search (TS)?

TS exists to help students succeed in junior high and high school and enroll in a **technical school, college or university**. The program was started nationwide in the 1960's as part of the Economic Opportunity effort to give low-income and first generation students equal chances to attain a postsecondary education. However, you do not need to fit these criteria, as this TRIO TS program is open to all students who pass their classes and have the desire keep on learning.

TRIO helps students:

- Discover and explore different careers options.
- Complete admission applications, financial aid applications and scholarship applications.
- Register and prepare for the ACT, and for low income students pay for additional tests.
- Participate in campus visits.
- Work on adult life skills like financial literacy (credit cards, bank accounts, budgeting), etc.
- Discover learning styles, interests and strength and learn how to capitalize on those in preparation of a future career.
- Work on goal setting and decision making skills.
- TS pays for dual credit classes for low-income kids,
- TS provides tutoring and works with peer tutors

Interesting facts about TRIO Educational Talent Search:

- Low income TRIO students can get their college application fee waived.
- TRIO Programs cover junior high through college graduate school: **TS and Upward Bound** for JH and HS, → **Student Support Services** for college undergrad → **Mc.Nair** for college graduate school. In college, students can earn semester stipends if they continue as TRIO students.

Please complete the application form on the other side of this page. Please fill out the enrollment form *completely*. The financial and other information is never disclosed for individual students. We only report on overall percentages based on the rates of low-income, first generation students to insure continued federal funding. The student and a parent/guardian need to sign the form please.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Don't pass up this opportunity!
TRIO Educational Talent Search exists to help you and give you the resources you need to succeed!
With best wishes,

TRIO Educational Talent Search (TS)

The University Of South Dakota

Participant Application 2020

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK!

STUDENT INFORMATION needed for program requirements. All information will remain confidential

Student Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Citizenship: ☐ US Citizen ☐ Perm Resident. # A _____ ☐ Other _____ (attach verification)

Student email address: _____ Address if diff than parent(s): _____

Ethnicity: ☐ American Indian ☐ Asian ☐ Black ☐ Hispanic ☐ White ☐ Pacific Islander ☐ Two or more

Current Grade: _____ Student is in ☐ Upward Bound ☐ MSIP ☐ Gear Up ☐ Out of school adult

School attending: _____ Highest grade completed: _____

(Expected) high school graduation year: _____ or GED completion date (mm/yy): ____/____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN INFORMATION: Full Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City/ State: _____, _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ or _____ Parent email: _____

1. Does either guardians in the home have a 4 year college (bachelor) degree? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Number of Household Members: _____

3. **Income:** I certify that my total household **taxable income** during the last calendar year was \$ _____.

Form 1040. Taxable income is on line 10. This is the income **AFTER** all the deductions have been taken out.

(You don't have to disclose your income if you receive any form of public assistance).

Family receives Public Assistance (ex: EBT, WIC, Medical Assistance, CHIP, TANF, General Assistance) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student is ward of the court ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student resides in foster home ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current Plans:

☐ 4 yr College/ University ☐ 2 yr College ☐ 2 or 4 year Tribal College ☐ GED

☐ Vo-Tech School ☐ Military ☐ Other: _____

Talent Search Services requested: Please check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Acad. Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Goals/ Decisions Making	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid/ FAFSA
<input type="checkbox"/> Study Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Career Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Awareness Activ.	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Search
<input type="checkbox"/> Self Esteem	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> College Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Campus Visits	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquiring Adult Life Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> GED Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Field Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

I certify the above information is correct. I give permission to the TRIO Talent Search Program to provide services and to obtain information necessary to determine program eligibility and assistance needed, including transcripts, student email address(es), income verification, and test scores. A dependent student under the age of 24 must obtain a parent signature. Contact your TS advisor for questions regarding dependency status. Unless you indicate otherwise, we may publish your picture on display boards or in TS newsletters, local newspapers, and brochures. ☐ I do not want my picture published.

Student Signature _____ Date _____ Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: TS Entry Date: ____/____/____ TS Staff: _____ ☐ LI ☐ FG ☐ LIFG ☐ Other

Test Results: ____ ACT ____ SAT ____ GED ____ TABE ____ ASVAB ____ Other _____

Advisor notes/ rationale, including reasons for selection or non-selection into the program, continue on reverse side.