Talent Search is an early intervention program that serves students in grades sixth through 12. Talent Search helps people from families with incomes of no more than 150 percent of the poverty level to better understand their educational opportunities and options.

Talent Search was authorized under the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965. It was part of a “TRIO” of federally funded college access and success programs. The other two were Upward Bound (also authorized in the 1965 HEA) and Student Support Services (created in 1968). The Office of Education in 1965 developed Talent Search as an outreach program to identify low-income students with high potential and to help them access federal financial aid to enter and complete college.

Today, Talent Search is one of eight TRIO programs.
Talent Search

Studies show
Talent Search students are more likely to apply for financial aid and to enroll in college.

All 50 states including Washington, D.C., Guam, and Puerto Rico have Talent Search projects.

79% of students who participate in Talent Search are admitted to college.

Talent Search was established at Wichita State University in 1977.

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