



Maine Educational Talent Search Student Application

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Thank you for your interest in Maine Educational Talent Search. METS is a federally funded TRIO program initiated by the United States Department of Education and the United States Congress to help encourage first generation qualified students (grades 6-12) access higher education. Educational Talent Search grants are funded entirely by the US Department of Education. The grant award for 2017-2018 is \$546,612. METS services help students explore college and career opportunities and enter the college of their choice after their senior year. Talent Search students participate in workshops, educational counseling and college field trips as well as other activities that will help them work through the steps necessary to become successful high school and college students.

All METS services are free. Please return your completed application to your guidance office, teacher or main office.

Applicant Information - Please complete all information below. Incomplete applications will delay processing.

Please complete the information requested. Where multiple choices are given, please check or circle the correct item.

- 1) **First name** _____ **MI** _____ **Last name** _____
- 2) **Social Security Number** _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Gender:** M F
(requested of all applicants):
- 3) **Mailing Address** _____
City _____ **Zip** _____
- 4) **Home Telephone** _____ **Parent Cell or Work Telephone:** _____
- 5) **Student email address** _____ **Parent email address:** _____
- 6) **Current Grade** - 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 **Do you have a brother/sister in METS?** Yes No
- 7) **School:** _____
- 8) **Race:** A) Do you identify yourself as Hispanic or Latino Yes No If NO, complete B
B) Check all that apply: American Indian/Alaska Native Asian
 Black or African American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White
- 9) **Are you a U.S. citizen?** Yes No If NO, do you have Permanent Resident status? Yes No
- 10) If you were referred by a current METS student, what is their name? _____
(Students who refer their friends to METS get entered in a raffle to win a prize!!)

Household Information - Please complete all information below. Incomplete applications will delay processing.

- 11) **With whom do you live?** Both Parents Mother Father Grandparent(s) Legal Guardian Self
- Household #1**
Name of Parent(s) /Legal Guardian(s) _____
Full name _____ relationship _____
Mailing address if different from above: _____
- Household #2 (if more than one)**
Name of Parent(s) /Legal Guardian(s) _____
Full name _____ relationship _____
Mailing address if different from above: _____

METS is required to verify that our participants meet federal criteria based on educational background and household income level. This information is required of all applicants. METS and the University of Maine ensure that all information provided will be held in confidence. Please complete all items.

Please indicate the highest education level completed by each of your natural or adoptive parents. Please do not indicate educational levels for stepparents, grandparents or legal guardians.

- 12) **Mother**
 - No formal education
 - Elementary school
 - Some high school
 - High school diploma or GED
 - Some college (did not complete a degree)
 - 2-year college (completed an Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate)
 - 4-year college (completed a Bachelor Degree or higher)
- 13) **Father**
 - No formal education
 - Elementary school
 - Some high school
 - High school diploma or GED
 - Some college (did not complete a degree)
 - 2-year college (completed an Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate)
 - 4-year college (completed a Bachelor Degree or higher)

14) **Number of people in your household** _____

15) Taxable income range

Please check your taxable income range below. **Do NOT use gross income, but after all deductions.**
See line 43 of your 1040 federal income tax form. Why do we ask? METS is required to verify that our participants meet federal criteria based on educational background and household income level. ALL information on this application is held in the strictest confidence.

- I do not file
- \$ 0 – 18,210
- \$18,211 – 24,690
- \$24,691 – 31,170
- \$31,171 – 37,650
- \$37,651 – 44,130
- \$44,131 – 50,610
- \$50,611– 57,090
- \$57,091 – 63,570
- More than \$63,570

16) Certification and Signatures

I/We certify that the information provided on the application is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We authorize the use of my image in METS publications and media releases to the METS program. I/We authorize the release of school records and free lunch records to the METS program. All information provided on this application will be held in confidence by the METS program. I/We understand that if I need accommodations for a disability to participate in METS, or any of its scheduled activities, I must contact the Director of Maine Educational Talent Search at 207.581.3736 at least 30 working days prior to the activity.

Student Signature _____ Date _____
required

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
required

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Completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance in the METS program.