

RENAISSANCE TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

PROGRAM SERVICE GUIDE
2016-2017



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*I have discovered in life that there are
ways of getting almost anywhere
you want to go,
if you really want to go.
- Langston Hughes*

Believing the College Dream

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Dear Student, Parent, and/or Community Partner:

Thank you for your interest in one of the Pre-College Programs of **The Renaissance Education Group, Inc.** We offer preparatory programs specifically designed to strengthen the academic skills of students who aspire to excel academically and pursue post-secondary degrees after high school graduation. The **Renaissance Talent Search Program** is one of several college access programs sponsored by the agency, and we work with eligible program participants to help them BELIEVE, REALIZE, PURSUE, and FINANCE the **COLLEGE DREAM**.

Enclosed you will find the **Program Service Guide** for the current year. We have reshaped our program service offerings to ensure they are aligned with the needs of students in Durham County. As you are aware, Talent Search seeks to identify and assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education.

Services for the current year are designed to be offered as **in-school service packages** (middle and high school) or **community-based educational workshops and events**. School administrators who desire to provide in-school workshops should complete the In-School Service Request Form and return to the agency. For the community-based workshops and events, program participants must register to attend each event by going to the registration link provided under each event activity. Our attempt is to always ensure program offerings are accessible and aligned with best practice.

Thank you for your interest in our programs. Please phone the Renaissance Talent Search office at (919) 416-1736 if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

Yours in College Access,

Kenneth Mitchell

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Executive Director
The Renaissance Education Group, Inc.

“The Educational Resource Center of Excellence”

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Who's Got Talent?

Talent Search is a program that identifies and assists individuals who have the potential to succeed in higher education.

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Talent Search

The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to program participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to complete their postsecondary education. The program publicizes the availability of financial aid and assists participants with the postsecondary application process. Talent Search also strives to encourage persons who have not completed education programs at the secondary or postsecondary level to enter or reenter and complete postsecondary education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth who may be from disadvantaged backgrounds to complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education.

The **Renaissance Talent Search** program (Grant No. P-044-A-160797) was awarded a five year grant (2016-2021) to provide services to eligible participants in Durham County, NC. The project is funded to serve 500 students annually.

As a Federal TRIO Program, the Renaissance Talent Search program is designed to provide services that support students in applying and enrolling into an

institution of higher education. Project services are delivered one-to-group, and can be offered:

1. In-School,
2. In the evenings, or
3. On the weekend (2nd Saturday of the month).

Services provided by the program include:

- Academic, financial, or career counseling including advice on entry or re-entry to secondary or postsecondary programs
- Career exploration and assessment
- Connections to tutorial services
- Information on postsecondary education
- Exposure to college campuses
- Information on student financial assistance
- Assistance in completing college admissions and financial aid applications
- Assistance in preparing for college entrance exams (e.g. the ACT)
- Workshops for the parents/families of participants

All services provided by the Renaissance Talent Search program are FREE. To receive services from the Renaissance Talent Search program, students must be a program participant.

[To apply, please return a signed program application.]

PROJECT DESIGN

Talent Search is designed to identify eligible youth with a potential to succeed at the postsecondary level and encourage them to complete secondary school and undertake a program of postsecondary education.

(WE PROMOTE COLLEGE EDUCATION)

Talent Search is designed to publicize the availability of and facilitate the application for student financial assistance for persons who seek to pursue postsecondary education.

(WE PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION)

Talent Search is designed to encourage persons who have not completed a secondary or postsecondary degree program to enter (or reenter) and complete these programs.

(WE SUPPORT HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COMPLETION)

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

A person is eligible to participate in the Renaissance Talent Search program if he / she:

1. Is a **citizen** or national of the United States; or a permanent resident; or can provide evidence of intent to become a permanent resident; or is a permanent resident of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or is a resident of the Freely Associated States; **and**

2. Meets the standard **age requirements**; and is
3. **Enrolled in** (or has dropped out of) any grade from 6-12 or has graduated from high school; or has been in a program of postsecondary education but is not currently enrolled; or is a veteran (regardless of age).

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the Renaissance Talent Search Application (and submit all supporting documents as necessary).

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

By Email

pcu@renaissance-ed.net

By Fax

(866) 770-4766

By Mail

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Talent Search Program
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Durham, NC 27713

QUESTIONS

Please contact the Renaissance Talent Search program at (919) 416-1736.



Admission into the Renaissance Talent Search (TS) program is open to those who meet eligibility criteria, regardless of gender, race, national origin, color, age, religion, or disability (USDOE - GEPA Section 427). The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, is the law providing for the review and disclosure of student educational records. TRIO will not permit access to or the release of personally identifiable information contained in student educational records to any party without the written consent of the student, except as authorized by FERPA.

**EVENT CALENDAR
2016-2017**

- ACT Simulation and Test Preparation Clinic - Every Saturday from 02/25 through 04/08
- Adult College Day - 1st Friday of the month (Jan - May)
- Parent University Workshops - 10/18, 11/15, 03/21, 04/11, 05/09

October 2016

- 10/31: Program Orientation (Online)

November 2016

- 11/12: High School 101 (Online)

December 2016

- 12/10: Setting the Stage

January 2017

- 01/14: Pursuing the College Dream

February 2017

- 02/11: Financing the College Dream

March 2017

- 03/11: Realizing the College Dream
- 03/14: National College Fair Day
- 03/15: College Admission and Financial Aid for Seniors

April 2017

- 04/08: Career Development Institute
- 04/11; 04/12: Talent Search College Tour Explosion - Spring Break Trip
- 04/13: Scholarship Madness (Spring Break Money Challenge)

June 2017

- 06/21-22: Talent Search College Tour Explosion (Middle and 9th Grade)
- 06/28-29: Talent Search College Tour Explosion (10th Grade)

July 2017

- 07/05-06: Talent Search College Tour Explosion (11th Grade)
- 07/12-13: Talent Search College Tour Explosion (12th Grade)

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FRESHMEN are you ready?

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[event registration links on next page] register today

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COLLEGE PREPARATION

The Renaissance Talent Search (TS) program is one of the federally funded TRIO programs that provides educational guidance and college preparatory services to encourage individuals to pursue and earn a college degree. Program participants receive information and assistance on career, college, and academic planning.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

The Renaissance Talent Search (TS) program doesn't grant degrees, but it works with program participants to help them find an institution that matches their needs. Program participants learn about college match and discuss the college selection process through academic, financial, and social fit. Renaissance Talent Search students define their target, stretch, and safety schools and learn what is required to apply to each.

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

The Renaissance Talent Search (TS) program publicizes the availability of financial aid and assists program participants with finding resources and information about how to pay for a college education. As students prepare for college, the TS program encourages all students to apply for financial aid and provides financial and scholarship information for those planning to attend college.

TRANSITIONS TO COLLEGE

The Renaissance Talent Search (TS) program seeks to expand the college-going culture. By creating *college transitions for future talent*, the program can increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete secondary school and enroll and complete their postsecondary education. Program participants are guided through the decision-making process as they explore different colleges and what each have to offer.

EVENT	EVENT LOGISTICS	EVENT DESCRIPTION
<p>ACT Simulation and Test Preparation Clinic</p>	<p>Event Type: Community-Based (Grades 09-12)</p> <hr/> <p>Service Codes: 22, 23, 24, 25, 26</p> <hr/> <p>Date(s): Spring Clinic 2017 Every Saturday, from February 25 - April 08, 2017 10:00 am - 02:00 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/ACTclinicSP2017 (click on the link above to register today)</p>	<p>The ACT Simulation and Test Preparation Clinic is a student-centered, test preparation program designed for high school students using official ACT prep guide materials and tools. Students who participate in the clinic will undergo a pre- and post- simulation examination and 20 hours of test preparation.</p> <p>The test prep program includes: testing protocols and standards for the ACT, testing strategies, and a full testing simulation. The test simulation includes a pre- and post- administration of the ACT test to help students identify their subject and composite scores, how to interpret their scores, and how to improve their scores. Students who complete the test prep clinic will be registered for the official ACT test, at no-cost if all eligibility standards are met. This program is offered as a community-based event for program participants. This community based event is a series of seven (7) sessions offered in one sequence. Students who register for the clinic are expected to attend all sessions in the test prep program. You must register using the link provided. This event has limited seating available, so be sure to register early.</p>
<p>Adult College Day (1st Friday's)</p>	<p>Event Type: Community-Based (Out of School)</p> <hr/> <p>Service Codes: 6, 7, 8, 9, 28, 29, 30, 31</p> <hr/> <p>Date(s): 1st Friday of Every Month (January - May) By appointment only</p> <hr/> <p>To set up an appointment, go to: http://tinyurl.com/ADC2016-17 (click on the link to make an appointment)</p>	<p>It's never too late to go to college! Will a college degree help you advance in your career? Do you want to change jobs, or your career, but don't know where to go? Have you thought about pursuing a college degree? Adult College Day, or first Friday's, are designed for adults who desire to enroll or re-enroll in a degree-granting program.</p> <p>During this event, college access personnel are available (by appointment) to help individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about careers that interest them and connect personality type to career clusters (by using Myers-Briggs Type Indicator); • Apply to college(s); and • Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
<p>Believing the College Dream</p>	<p>Event Type: In-School (Middle Schools, up to 3) (Grades 06-08)</p> <hr/> <p>Service Codes: 7, 9, 15, 16</p> <hr/> <p>Date(s): **If you would like this event hosted at your school, please submit a Service Request Form.</p>	<p>Who says it's too early to think about college? Well, it's not. College preparation can begin in the middle school years for students with the interest and motivation to pursue a college degree. While middle school grades and activities may not be reflected on a student's academic portfolio when applying to college, it is important to lay a solid foundation for success before entering high school. This learning event is dedicated to helping middle school students see the dream of college! During the workshop, students are introduced to the pathway to college and the benefit of getting a degree.</p> <p>Schools interested in this event must complete and submit and In-School Service Request Form to the Renaissance Talent Search Program at least 30 days in advance.</p>
<p>Career Development Institute</p>	<p>Event Type: Community-Based (Grades 09-12) and In-School (Middle Schools, up to 3) (High Schools, up to 3)</p> <hr/> <p>Service Codes: 7, 8, 9, 16</p> <hr/> <p>Date(s): Saturday, April 8, 2017 10:00 am - 02:00 pm **If you would like this event hosted at your school, please submit a Service Request Form.</p> <hr/> <p>Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/CDI2017 (click on the link above to register today)</p>	<p>Students who begin to examine their career opportunities early, begin to see why college (and high school) matters. The career conversation begins at this institute. First, students learn about their own preferences using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). This indicator helps students to first understand their own inborn predispositions and then helps them to link their interests with possible future careers. The institute includes hands-on activities that help promote a student's understanding of how their preferences relate to how they work in school, how they work in groups, and careers that others who are like them find successful.</p> <p>Schools interested in this event must complete and submit and In-School Service Request Form to the Renaissance Talent Search Program at least 30 days in advance.</p>

EVENT	EVENT LOGISTICS	EVENT DESCRIPTION
College Admissions and Financial Aid Workshop (for Seniors Only)	Event Type: Community-Based (Grade 12) Service Codes: 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 21, 28 Date(s): Wednesday, March 15, 2017 03:00 pm - 05:00 pm Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/CAFamar2017 (click on the link above to register today)	<p>Did you know that most colleges early application deadline is in the fall of your senior year? Did you know that the FAFSA application for the 2017-2018 year opened October 1, 2016? For high school seniors, setting goals and planning for life after high school begins before graduation.</p> <p>The goal of this workshop is to assist students with understanding how to successfully navigate the college admissions process, and to provide information on the full range of Federal financial aid programs and resources available for locating public and private scholarships. This event is targeted for high school seniors who plan to enroll in college after high school. During this event, Talent Search staff will assist seniors with reviewing the college admissions process, learning what is needed to successfully apply to college, developing a senior year timeline to stay on track for college admissions, and identifying the steps involved with securing Federal financial aid. This is a community-based event open to all Durham Public School seniors.</p>
Financing the College Dream	Event Type: Community-Based (Grades 11-12) Service Codes: 9, 14, 15, 16, 21 Date(s): Saturday, February 11, 2017 10:00 am - 02:00 pm Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/FTCDfeb2017 (click on the link above to register today)	<p>The college dream costs, but the goal should be to earn a college degree debt free. This workshop is designed to assist students in grades 11-12 with information on the types of aid available for students to go to college (i.e. federal, state, institutional, and private), the eligibility requirements for federal aid, how to apply for aid, and how to review a financial aid award letter. Students who participate in this session will review a sample financial aid award letter, receive a list of frequently asked questions for institutional financial aid departments, and discover key strategies for securing enough aid to finance the college dream.</p>
High School 101 (online)	Event Type: Online Webinar (Grades 09-12) Service Codes: 15, 16, 20 Date(s): Presentation available for viewing on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Program participants will receive a link to view this presentation.	<p>Student advising is an important component for a successful academic experience. Academic advising assists students in making quality academic decisions. High School 101 is an online group academic advising session for Talent Search program participants in high school. The purpose of this session is for students to 1) identify the importance of course sequencing for college planning, 2) learn how to identify the data elements in an academic transcript (grades, etc.), and 3) understand the importance of staying on track to graduate high school and enter into a program of postsecondary study. This workshop also introduces students to the concept of participating in a program of "rigorous study" while in high school. College is competitive and we want your transcript to be too!</p>
National College Fair Day	Event Type: Community-Based (Grades 06-12) Service Codes: 9, 10, 13, 14, 21 Date(s): Tuesday, March 14, 2017 04:30 pm - 07:30 pm Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/NCFDmar2017 (click on the link above to register today) ***Three (3) different bus route options to accommodate students. Select only one.	<p>Knocking out over 100+ colleges with 1 visit --- #WIN. The National College Fair Day, sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), is held each March in Raleigh, NC. In 2017, the college fair will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center and is expected to feature over 100 colleges and exhibitors.</p> <p>While at the NACAC National College Fair students will: receive a bag and fair directory, visit with colleges and universities (including onsite admissions representatives or directors), have the opportunity to talk to college counselors onsite, and attend an educational workshop (or two) about college life. This opportunity will be made available to all Renaissance Talent Search participants, but students must register in advance because seats are limited.</p> <p>Register today to reserve your seat on the bus. Reservations are accepted and will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.</p>

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<p>Parent University (Parent/Family Workshops)</p>	<p>Event Type: Community-Based (Parents and Students)</p> <hr/> <p>Service Codes: 15, 16, 19, 20</p> <hr/> <p>Date(s): (1) Tuesday, October 18, 2016 (2) Tuesday, November 15, 2016 (3) Tuesday, March 21, 2017 (4) Tuesday, April 18, 2017 (5) Tuesday, May 9, 2017</p> <p>***All workshops are scheduled from 06:00 - 07:30 pm on each date above. Dinner and child care may be available.</p> <hr/> <p>Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/RenParentUniv2016-17 (click on the link above to register today)</p>	<p>Parent University is a special series of workshops targeted for the parents and families of Renaissance TRIO (Upward Bound and Talent Search) participants. It is the opportunity for parents, students, and the community to work together to help prepare potential first-generation college students for postsecondary education.</p> <p>Workshops offered during the Parent University series for the 2016-2017 program year are aligned to the five (5) areas of financial capabilities, namely: Earn (e.g. understanding a paycheck, deductions, taxes and workplace benefits, etc.), Spend (e.g. setting financial goals, tracking spending habits, developing a budget, etc.), Save and Invest (e.g. saving early, paying oneself first, building an emergency savings account, etc.), Borrow (e.g. planning, understanding and shopping around for a loan with the lowest interest rate, how to use credit wisely, etc.), and Protect (choosing appropriate insurance, consulting a qualified professional for help, detecting scams, etc.).</p> <p>“Let’s Talk About Money” Workshops are planned as follows: (1) Generating Your Coins: Pursuing Gainful Employment and Maximizing Your Earning Potential (October 2016) (2) Mapping Out How Money Works: Setting Financial Goals and Creating a Financial Plan (November 2016) (3) Saving Money for a Rainy Day, when it’s ALREADY Raining (March 2017) (4) Understanding Your Credit Report and Strategies to Improve Your Credit (April 2017) (5) Avoiding Personal Fraud Situations: How to Guard Against Identity Theft (May 2017)</p> <p>These workshops are FREE for parents and families of program participants. Workshops are held from 06:00 pm - 07:30 pm.</p>
<p>Preparing to Take ACTION</p>	<p>Event Type: In-School (High Schools, up to 3) (Grades 09-12)</p> <hr/> <p>Service Codes: 22, 23</p> <hr/> <p>Date(s): **If you would like this event hosted at your school, please submit a Service Request Form.</p>	<p>There is an art to taking the ACT. During this in-school workshop, students will learn helpful strategies and tips to help increase their ACT score. For example, did you know that you don’t get points deducted for incorrect answers? That means that you should answer every question! These are the types of tips that students learn in this interactive series. Preparation is key and our testing coaches are ready to help!</p> <p>Due to the structure of this learning activity, this event will be organized and sponsored for up to three (3) high schools. This is a 5-part, mini-testing strategy series, with each session lasting approximately 30 minutes. This workshop should be offered prior to standardized testing with the DPI.</p> <p>Schools interested in this event must complete and submit and In-School Service Request Form to the Renaissance Talent Search Program at least 30 days in advance.</p>
<p>Program Orientation (online)</p>	<p>Event Type: Online Webinar (All Students)</p> <hr/> <p>Service Codes: 9, 11, 19</p> <hr/> <p>Date(s): Presentation available for viewing on Monday, October 31, 2016.</p> <p>Program participants will receive a link to view this presentation.</p>	<p>It all begins HERE! The purpose of the Program Orientation is to introduce students to the program, explain the expectations and requirements for full program participation, and identify the rules and standards students must adhere by during the program year. During this online webinar students will review the grade specific plan for the year, along with the calendar of activities for the current year. This is a mandatory activity for all program participants.</p> <p>Upon acceptance, students should complete the orientation session. If you have questions after completing the recorded webinar, please contact the office at (919) 416-1736.</p>

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Pursuing the College Dream	Event Type: Community-Based (Out of School) <hr/> Service Codes: 7, 9, 15, 17 <hr/> Date(s): Saturday, January 14, 2017 10:00 am - 02:00 pm <hr/> Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/PTCDjan2017 (click on the link above to register)	Langston Hughes asked the famous question, what happens to a dream deferred? In the Talent Search Program it's never too late to pursue the dream of earning a college degree. What does your college dream consist of? Is it law school, business school, a degree in medicine, family counseling, or do you aspire to be a legendary author and journalist? No matter the dream, if it consists of getting a college degree, this event will help you put your dream in forward motion. This community-wide event is for out-of-school participants that have either dropped out of high school or college, have never enrolled in college, or desire to enroll in postsecondary education. The event details the benefits of pursuing a college degree, no matter where life has taken you. Following this event, Talent Search personnel work with participants to get them enrolled in secondary or post-secondary school. The dream lives on!
Realizing the College Dream	Event Type: Community-Based (Grades 09-12) and In-School (High Schools, up to 3) <hr/> Service Codes: 7, 9, 15, 16 <hr/> Date(s): Saturday, March 11, 2017 (Community-Based) **If you would like this event hosted at your school, please submit a Service Request Form. <hr/> Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/RTCDmar2017 (click on the link above to register)	The first step in going to college is to Aspire to College because this is where the dream is realized. The purpose of this event is for students to see themselves as a college student by looking at their intended lifestyle, budget, careers, housing criteria, and determine the cost of that life. In addition, students examine possible college majors, colleges, and careers. The event consists of a variety of interactive activities that help students begin to formulate their ideal life, including thinking about what it will take to get there - from college, to major, to career. Schools interested in this event must complete and submit and In-School Service Request Form to the Renaissance Talent Search Program at least 30 days in advance.
Scholarship Madness (a Spring Break Money Challenge)	Event Type: Community-Based (Grade 12) <hr/> Service Codes: 9, 14, 20, 21 <hr/> Date(s): Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:00 am - 01:00 pm or 02:00 pm - 05:00 pm **Students may only attend one session <hr/> Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/SchMadapr2017 (click on the link above to register)	So you've been accepted to college --- but how are you going to pay for it? One way to pay for college is through scholarships. Scholarship Madness gives students the time and space to be able to complete and submit scholarships to help pay for college. Provided as a community-based workshop for high school seniors, sessions are offered during the day to help Talent Search students throughout Durham County complete and submit scholarship applications. Students who participate in this event will complete and submit at least five (5) scholarships, and receive a scholarship directory to take home. Most students are eligible for scholarships, but never apply. By attending this session, students will learn how to navigate the scholarship application process from start to finish. Make your SPRING BREAK COUNT and register today for our scholarship event. We provide the resources, you just have to commit the time, attend, and stay focused.
Setting the Stage (how to apply to college)	Event Type: Community-Based (Grades 09-12) <hr/> Service Codes: 9, 20, 28, 29 <hr/> Date(s): Saturday, December 10, 2016 10:00 am - 02:00 pm <hr/> Event Registration Link: http://tinyurl.com/STSdec2016 (click on the link above to register)	Filling out a college application can be confusing, complicated, subjective, and unpredictable (especially if it's your first time completing one). When trying to determine what college to apply to, there are several factors to consider. After deciding what schools to apply to, students should understand the application components involved (from transcripts, to essays, personal statements, and more). Students who understand the college application process, before it's time to apply, are more prepared and may even find resources to help them cover the application fee. Renaissance Talent Search participants are invited to attend this workshop to help them recognize what the college application process entails, identify the key components of a competitive college application package, and will develop a list of activities to complete once the application has been submitted. Students will also learn how to secure fee waivers from the agency.

EVENT	EVENT LOGISTICS	EVENT DESCRIPTION
<p>Talent Search College Tour Explosion</p> <p>SPRING BREAK 2017 a different school each day</p> <p>and</p> <p>SUMMER 2017 a 2-day college tour and mentoring event)</p>	<p>Event Type: Community-Based (All Students)</p> <hr/> <p>Service Codes: 9, 10, 21, 28</p> <hr/> <p>Date(s) - SPRING BREAK (April 2017): (1) Tuesday, April 11, 2017 (2) Wednesday, April 12, 2017</p> <p>and</p> <p>Date(s) - SUMMER 2017: (1) Wednesday, June 21 - Thursday, June 22, 2017 (Grades 06-09) (2) Wednesday, June 28 - Thursday, June 29, 2017 (Grade 10 only) (3) Wednesday, July 05 - Thursday, July 06, 2017 (Grade 11 only) (4) Wednesday, July 12 - Thursday, July 13, 2017 (Grade 12 only)</p> <hr/> <p>Event Registration Link: (spring tours) http://tinyurl.com/CTEspring2017</p> <p>(summer tours) http://tinyurl.com/CTEspring2017</p>	<p>What you see is what you get! If you want to be in college, you must first see yourself in college. Join The Renaissance Talent Search program on our summer college tour series as we help students to: 1) get acclimated to the college environment, 2) understand the college admissions process, and 3) learn how to identify what should be considered when narrowing down a list of colleges.</p> <p>The Talent Search College Tour Explosion (CTE) is a college tour series for eligible program participants. Students who attend this event will have the opportunity to: navigate the college campus life (through campus visits across the state and neighboring states), connect with admission representatives (to talk one-on-one about the admissions process and what it takes to apply and get in to college), and learn about the college environment (from academic resources, to campus organizations, and more).</p> <p>Spring Break (April 2017) Proposed college tours include Norfolk State University, Johnson C. Smith University, and University of North Carolina - Charlotte.</p> <p>Summer 2017 CTE 2017 has been designed as a college tour event and mentoring initiative. On this year, Talent Search participants will register for tours by grade level. CTE 2017 has also been designed as a 2-day college campus immersion experience. Students will be assigned to a college student through the program's summer mentorship initiative and tour local and regional college campuses.</p>
<p>The Secret to Getting an 'A'</p>	<p>Event Type: In-School (Middle Schools, up to 3) and (High Schools, up to 3)</p> <hr/> <p>Service Codes: 16, 22, 20</p> <hr/> <p>Date(s): **If you would like this event hosted at your school, please submit a Service Request Form.</p>	<p>The Secret to Getting an 'A' is an in-school session that prepares students to earn and maintain an A. During these sessions, students learn how to become a Master Student, including learning how to take effective notes, take tests, and write SMART goals (goals that are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound).</p> <p>Schools interested in this event must complete and submit and In-School Service Request Form to the Renaissance Talent Search Program at least 30 days in advance.</p>

***All events and event dates are subject to change. In the event of inclement weather, activities may be canceled.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Renaissance Talent Search services and events are designed as **in-school service packages** (middle and high school) or **community-based educational workshops and events**.

In-School Service Packages

The following events are developed and facilitated by the Renaissance Talent Search program to provide instructional support, academic enrichment, and/or college preparation and planning services during in-school hours. If you are a school administrator interested in these services, please complete and return the In-School Service Request Form at least 30 days prior to the event you would like to schedule. All events can be customized to meet the needs of your school.

- Middle School Events (Grades 06-08): Believing the College Dream, Career Development Workshop, and The Secret to Getting an 'A'
- High School Events (Grades 09-12): Realizing the College Dream, Career Development Workshop, and Preparing to Take ACTION, and The Secret to Getting an 'A'

Community-Based Educational Workshops and Events

Community-based workshops are interactive, in-person events that provide Renaissance Talent Search participants with information about college preparation, college admissions, financial aid information, and resources about the transition to college. These events are provided in the community and open to all youth eligible for the Renaissance Talent Search program. Events are grade specific, tailored to meet the needs of students, and offered using a one to group academic coaching design. Services are available for youth, as well as the out of school participant that desires to reenroll into a program of postsecondary study. Workshops are held in Durham. Locations are only provided to participants who have registered (using links provided above) for an event and who been confirmed to attend.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(Middle School and High School Applicants)

To participate in a Renaissance Talent Search learning event, you must be a participant. To become a participant, you must apply. For students in middle or high school, please complete the application on the next page and submit a copy of your academic transcript to the agency.

Return your program application and transcript directly to the agency by:

Fax to (866) 770-4766

Email to pcu@renaissance-ed.net; or mail to

The Renaissance Education Group, Inc.

Talent Search Program

4841-E Industry Lane

Durham, NC 27713

If you have questions, please feel free to call (919) 416-1736 to speak with a Renaissance Talent Search program staff member. A staff member is available to speak to you Monday - Friday from 09:00 am - 06:00 pm.



Renaissance Talent Search Application 2016-2017

Student Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MI: _____

Cell #: _____ Social Security #: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Gender: Male Female

School: _____ Grade: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Y or N _____ Do you want to go to college? Y or N

Ethnic Background (check all that apply): Degree you plan to obtain (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> African American or Black	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate's
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latin	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Year College Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander			

What is the primary language spoken at home? English Spanish Other (list): _____

Please choose the appropriate t-shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Have you ever applied, or participated in, an Educational Opportunity Program (i.e. Talent Search, Upward Bound, GEAR UP, etc.)? Y or N *If yes, please specify:* _____

Please consider this as my Renaissance Upward Bound application

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother/Guardian Name: _____ Father/Guardian Name: _____

Mother/Guardian Home #: _____ Father/Guardian Home #: _____

Mother/Guardian Cell #: _____ Father/Guardian Cell #: _____

Mother/Guardian E-mail: _____ Father/Guardian E-mail: _____

Please answer all questions below:

Has either parent received a 4-year degree from a college or university? Y or N

Is your child eligible for free or reduced lunch? Y or N

Is the student or his/her family homeless? Y or N

How many people are living in your household (including yourself)? _____

By signing this document, I, the parent/guardian certify that the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, I authorize the minor child to participate in this program, and I agree to adhere to all policies and procedures in the student and parent handbook. Further, I, the parent/guardian authorize the agency to access or receive copies of my child's academic and school records to complete the application process for academic assessment, program evaluation, and mandatory reporting. For federal reporting purposes, this release is good for ten years post signature.

Parent/guardian, please check your total **taxable income**.

\$0 - \$18,090

\$18,091 - \$24,360

\$24,361 - \$30,630

\$30,631 - \$36,900

\$36,901 - \$43,170

\$43,171 - \$49,440

\$49,441 - \$55,710

\$55,711 - \$61,980

\$61,981 and up

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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PLEASE RETURN SIGNED APPLICATION I BY FAXING TO (866) 770-4766 I OR EMAIL TO PCU@RENAISSANCE-ED.NET I OR PLEASE MAIL TO THE RENAISSANCE EDUCATION GROUP, INC. I TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM I 4841-E INDUSTRY LANE, DURHAM NC 27713
www.renaissance-ed.net I PHONE: (919) 416-1736

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(Out of School Applicants)

To participate in a Renaissance Talent Search learning event, you must be a participant. To become a participant, you must apply. If you are out of school, have completed high school but have yet to enroll in college, or have completed some college and desire to return back to school to complete your degree, please complete the application on the next page and submit it directly to the agency.

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Renaissance Talent Search Application (Out of School Applicant) 2016-2017

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MI: _____

Cell #: _____ Social Security #: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Gender: Male Female

Educational Background: Did not finish HS GED HS Diploma Some college (circle number of years) 1 2 3

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Y or N _____ Do you want to go to college? Y or N

Ethnic Background (check all that apply):

Degree you plan to obtain (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> African American or Black	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate's
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<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral	<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander			

What is the primary language spoken at home? English Spanish Other (list): _____

Please choose the appropriate t-shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Have you ever applied, or participated in, an Educational Opportunity Program (i.e. Talent Search, Upward Bound, GEAR UP, etc.)? Y or N *If yes, please specify:* _____

Other Applicant Information

Please answer all questions below:

Has either parent received a 4-year degree from a college or university? Y or N

Are you a veteran of the U.S. military? Y or N

Is the applicant or his/her family homeless? Y or N

How many people are living in your household (including yourself)? _____

Do you receive any state or federal benefits? Y or N *If yes, please list:*

By signing this document, I, the applicant, certify that the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, I authorize the program to use this information to determine my eligibility to participate, and I agree to adhere to all policies and procedures in the program handbook. Further, I, the applicant, authorize the agency to access or receive copies of my academic and school records to complete the application process for academic assessment, program evaluation, and mandatory reporting. For federal reporting purposes, this release is good for ten years post signature.

Please check your total taxable income.

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