PART 1 – STUDENT APPLICATION
To be completed by the student

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________
Prefered Name (if applicable) ___________________________

Mailing Address ___________________________ Number / Street / Apt # / Box # __________
City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code __________

Date of Birth __________ Sex ___________________________

Student’s Cell Phone Number ___________________________ Home Phone Number __________
Email Address (personal email, not school district email) ___________________________

Are you a US Citizen? □ Yes □ No If no, what is your resident alien card number? ___________________________

Ethnicity: □ Hispanic/Latino □ Not Hispanic/Latino

Race: □ American Indian or Alaskan Native □ Asian □ Black or African American
□ White □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Do you have a documented disability? □ Yes □ No

Are you currently in foster care? □ Yes □ No

Are you currently homeless? □ Yes □ No

What grade are you in? □ 6th □ 7th □ 8th □ 9th □ 10th □ 11th □ 12th

What school do you currently attend? ___________________________

Do you plan to attend a college or university? □ Yes □ No

What type of degree do you want to obtain? □ Certificate □ Two Year Degree □ Four Year Degree □ Undecided

A college major or career field that interests you ___________________________

Are you considering the Armed Forces? □ Yes □ No □ Undecided

Describe your primary reason for applying ___________________________

How did you find out about Talent Search?
□ Mailing □ Friend in TS/UB □ Sibling in TS/UB □ School Counselor □ Teacher □ Recruitment Presentation

*This Talent Search Project is 100% federally funded at $328,413 annually.
**PART 2 - FAMILY INFORMATION**

To be completed by the parent/guardian

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**With whom does the student live?**

- □ Both Parents
- □ Parent and Stepparent
- □ Mother
- □ Father
- □ Legal Guardian
- □ Other Family Member
- □ Foster Parent
- □ Group Home
- □ Other: _______________

Does the student have a sibling in the 6th - 12th grade that would like to participate in the TRIO Talent Search program?  

| □ Yes | □ No |

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**EDUCATIONAL AND HOUSEHOLD INCOME INFORMATION**

*Please note the following information is required*

Did the student’s MOTHER graduate from college with a four-year degree?  

| □ Yes | □ No | □ Unknown |

Did the student’s FATHER graduate from college with a four-year degree?  

| □ Yes | □ No | □ Unknown |

**Note:** MSU Billings Talent Search is federally funded and requires verification of every participant’s income. Please check your TAXABLE income for the previous year. You may attach the most recent copy of your Federal Tax Form 1040 or write in your taxable income information below. By signing this form, you are certifying the income information provided is accurate and may be used to determine student eligibility.

**Annual Household Taxable Income** *(not gross income)* $______________

How many people live in your household including yourself? _______

**Please indicate tax return filing status:**  

- □ Single
- □ Head of Household
- □ Married

**Does the student qualify for free or reduced lunch?**  

| □ Yes | □ No |

**Indicate the total yearly amount your household receives from each of the following:**

- TANF/SNAP: $______
- Disability: $______
- Unemployment: $______
- Other: $______

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**CERTIFICATES AND SIGNATURES**

The personal information you give Talent Search (TS) is required by the United States Department of Education. The information is protected by the Federal Education Right to Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). No one may see the information unless s/he is employed by the TS Program or is specifically authorized to determine your eligibility to participate in the program. The information required by the U.S. Department of Education is used for evaluation purposes and to verify student eligibility. Please note that applications are accepted for review regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, or disability (U.S. Dept. of Education-GEPA Section 427).

I/We certify that all the information provided including my income information is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

I/We understand that completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the TS program.

I/We understand that the information provided on this application will be held in confidence by the TS staff.

I/We consent to the student using Internet and other technology and accept responsibility for any inappropriate use.

I/We authorize the release of my school and/or financial records to the TS program, including test scores and any other academic information and test results necessary to complete the program’s application process and track me in the program.

Unless I select the opt-out, I grant Talent Search staff the right to use and publish photos or statements of me in promotional items.

**OPT OUT** □

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