

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the purpose and goal of the ETS program?** The purpose of the program is to give equal opportunity for all students to go to a college of their choice. It can be much harder for low-income and first generation students to be successful at getting accepted to college due to financial reasons and limited knowledge about the process of going to college. We believe that with some extra support from ETS, you will be successful! The goal of the program is to have every accepted ETS student graduate from high school and attend college.
2. **Who is eligible for the program?** 6th through 12th grade students are eligible if they are 1) first generation (neither parent/guardian with whom the student lives has completed a 4 year bachelor's degree) and 2) the family meets designated federal income levels. There are some spots available for students that meet just one of these requirements.
3. **How much does the program cost?** The ETS program is FREE! All costs are covered by the federal TRIO grant and by the sponsoring agencies. This includes fieldtrips, meals, workshops, transportation, and time with the staff.
4. **Does ETS provide services to students with special needs or disabilities?** Yes, ETS provides services to all qualified students.
5. **Why do you need my income information?** Participants need to provide a copy of their federal tax form or have written verification of their taxable income on the application so they meet federal grant requirements to be accepted into the program. This information is private and will NOT be shared.
6. **Do I have to reapply each year?** No.
7. **How long will students be in the program?** Until they graduate from high school and are enrolled in a college or university.
8. **If I'm in the ETS program does it mean that I have to go to a FOUR-year college?** No. The goal is to enroll into ANY type of post-secondary institution after high school, including technical schools and two year colleges.
9. **Since the ETS is hosted by UW-Fox Valley, does that mean I have to go to college there?** No. Students have the choice to go any college or university they desire though UW-Fox Valley will be a valuable resource for all students in the program.
10. **How much of a commitment is ETS?** The commitment really is up to you and will vary with what your interests are, how much assistance you need, and how much you want to take advantage of the program. The minimum commitment will be meeting with the ETS coordinator as needed, being a part of monthly workshops during school or right after school, and filling out paperwork and evaluations when needed. There will be field trips and additional activities that will be optional.
11. **What types of activities will be available and when?** Most ETS activities will take place during the school year, though there may be optional opportunities in summer. Monthly workshops will occur during the school day or right after school. Field trips and other activities will take place after school, evenings, weekends, and/or breaks. Parents will be notified ahead of time of when these activities will take place.
12. **Who provides transportation for activities/trips?** ETS will provide transportation for most activities; however, we may ask parents to assist with local trips. High school students may have the choice to drive on their own or carpool with other students.

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