

## SUU TRIO Educational Talent Search (ETS) Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Why do we have to “qualify”

Our program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. 2/3 or 424 of the 636 students in ETS must qualify as BOTH low-income AND first-generation college student.

### 2. What is considered low-income

- A student qualifies as low-income for ETS if:

1. He/she qualifies for **FREE** lunch at their school **OR**
2. The family meets these federal low-income guidelines: This income table is based on **previous year income**. The best place to locate your **TAXABLE INCOME** is from your Taxes: **IRS Form 1040, Line 43 or IRS Form 1040A, Line 27**. To see if you qualify, find your family size in the column on the left. If your family made less (your Taxable Income) than the amount in the column on the right, then your student would qualify as low-income.

Family Size	Taxable Income (2018)
1	\$18,735
2	\$25,365
3	\$31,995
4	\$38,625
5	\$45,255
6	\$51,885
7	\$58,515
8	\$65,145
For family units with more than 8 members, add \$6,630 for each additional member	

### 3. What does First Generation Mean?

(A) an individual both of whose parents **did not** complete a baccalaureate degree; or (B) in the case of any individual who regularly resided with and received support from only one parent, an individual whose only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate degree

### 4. How much does this program cost?

The program is **COMPLETELY FREE!** We will never ask you or your student to pay to participate in program activities.