

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION:

In order to participate, students and parents must submit and complete all items on the application. You will be notified upon receipt of your application. Thank you for taking the time to complete this application thoroughly. Information on this form is confidential. **Please use black or blue ink. Do NOT use PENCIL.**

PART I: BIOGRAPHICAL/SCHOOL INFORMATION (APPLICANT/STUDENT)

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____		Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____		Random ID Number: (Talent Search Use Only)	
Current School: ____ Lockhart ____ Piedmont ____ Wekiva			Current Cum G.P.A.:		Current Grade (6-12th):
First Name:			MI:	Last Name:	
Street/Mailing Address:			City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Student Cell Phone:		May we contact you via cell phone text? Yes _____ No _____	
E-mail:			Gender: (circle one) FEMALE MALE OTHER		
Ethnicity: (check only one) Hispanic, Latino or Spanish: Yes _____ No _____ Non-Hispanic, Latino or Spanish: Yes _____ No _____		Preferred language spoken in the home: English _____ Spanish _____ Other _____		Are you a ward of the court? Yes _____ No _____ (If you are, please provide documents)	
Race: (check ALL that apply) American Indian/Alaskan Native: _____ Asian: _____ Black or African-American: _____ Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: _____ Hispanic: _____ White/Caucasian: _____ Other (please specify): _____					
Have you previously participated in a federal TRiO Program? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please list the name of the program: _____			Optional Information: Do you have a disability you want us to be aware? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain: _____		

As required by the US Department of Education, please complete the following questions in order to be considered for the UCF Talent Search PACE Project.

Are you a US Citizen? Yes _____ No _____ If you are not, are you a permanent Resident Alien? Yes _____ No _____ A#: _____

NOTE: You must be a US citizen or legal resident of the United States in order to participate in and receive services from UCF Project PACE – Talent Search Program. If you are not a US citizen, enter your Permanent Alien Registration Number. If your number is only eight digits, enter a zero after the "A".

STUDENT NEEDS/INTERESTS ASSESSMENT

Do you plan to attend college? Yes _____ No _____ Other (e.g. military): _____

Are you taking any Advance/Honors/Dual Enrollment Classes? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please indicate the classes you are taking: _____

Which do you plan to enroll in after completing high school? (Please check one below)

____ College/University (4 year) ____ Community College (2 year) Program ____ Career Training ____ Military Program ____ Undecided

Listed below are some possible UCF Project PACE – Talent Search activities. Check the area(s) with which you would like information or need help with:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ____ College Awareness | ____ Career Awareness | ____ Academics | ____ Character Development | ____ Homework Assistance/
Tutoring | Other (Please list) _____ |
| • Admission | • Career Planning | • Study Skills | • Peer Pressure | | |
| • Financial Aid | • Goal Setting | • Test-Taking Skills | • Self-Esteem | | |
| • Campus Tours | • Interest Inventory | • Time Management | • Listening Skills | • Math | |
| • Scholarship | • Decision Making | • Course Selection | • Middle/High School Transitioning | • English | |
| • ACT/SAT Prep | | | | • Science | |

Applicant/Student PRINT Name: _____

Applicant/Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PART II: PARENT INFORMATION

To parent or legal guardian: The personal information, including financial status and educational levels, given to the UCF Project PACE-Talent Search Program is used for reporting purposes with the United States Department of Education. No one may access, view or utilize the information unless they work with or for UCF Project PACE-Talent Search Program or unless they are given specific or legal authorization to said information. This information is required to determine if your child meets federal eligibility guidelines established by regulation of the United States Department of Education. All information is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 20 USC 1231a).

With whom does the applicant/student live? Check all that apply below.

Both Parents:_____ Father:_____ Mother:_____ Grandparents: _____ Legal Guardian: _____ Other (please specify): _____

**Father/
Guardian Name:**

**Mother/
Guardian Name:**

Highest Education Level Completed:

- ☐ Did not complete high school
☐ High School Diploma/GED
☐ Trade Certificate
☐ Associate Degree (2 year)
☐ Bachelors Degree (4 year) or higher

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Home Number:

Home Number:

Cell Number:

Cell Number:

Address:

Address:

Email Address:

Email Address:

Occupation:

Occupation:

Employer:

Employer:

PARENT CONTRACT:

For my child to remain eligible to participate in UCF Project PACE-Talent Search program, I will:

- Volunteer to chaperone student program activities and events as much as possible
- Immediately notify an UCF Project PACE-Talent Search staff if my child receives disciplinary action at school
- Attend at least one parental workshop provided by UCF Project PACE-Talent Search
- Notify the UCF Project PACE-Talent Search office about any changes in contact information
- Encourage my child to do homework and get help with homework as needed
- Encourage my child to participate in UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program workshops, activities, and campus visits
- Notify UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program with any address and/or phone changes
- My GOAL is to assist my child in succeeding in his/her education

I certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my child is required to all UCF Project PACE – Talent Search activities and events until his/her graduation from high school. I understand that my involvement and support is critical in my child success with school and the UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program. I will fully support my child's participation in the UCF Project – PACE program.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

PART III: FAMILY INCOME INFORMATION

THE UCF Project PACE – Talent Search Program is a Federally Funded Program. For the applicant to qualify, verification of income is necessary. ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND FOR PROGRAM USE ONLY.

Check any of the services your family receives: _____ Free School Lunch _____ Reduced Lunch

How many family members (adults and children) are living in the household? _____

IF YOU DID FILE A TAX RETURN: (IF THIS APPLIES TO YOU, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW)

What was your family's total **TAXABLE** income for 2018 year? \$ _____ **(Do NOT leave blank. If you have no taxable income, enter "0")**

PLEASE NOTE: See page 2 of from your IRS tax form 1040, 1040A or 1040ez, which documents the TAXABLE INCOME identified above, must accompany this application. On IRS Form: 1040 (2017) see line 43/ 1040A (2017) see line 27/1040EZ (2017) see line 6

By signing this income verification Form, I am verifying that the information that I have provided to the UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

IF YOU DID NOT FILE A TAX RETURN: (IF THIS APPLIES TO YOU, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW)

Family household income was \$ _____ **(Do NOT leave blank)** My family had no taxable income. Our only support was from one of the following below. **(check all that apply below and insert amount):**

_____ Public Assistance (AFDC/TANF)	_____ Disability	_____ Retirement	_____ Unemployment
_____ Social Security/SSI	_____ Veterans Benefits	_____ Food Stamps/ WIC/SNAP	_____ Vocational Rehabilitation
_____ Child Support	_____ Other: _____		

(*Documentation of the sources of income must be submitted for the application to be considered.)

By signing this income verification Form, I am verifying that the information that I have provided to the UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Federal TRIO Programs Current-Year Low-Income Levels

(Effective January 11, 2019 until further notice)

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States & D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$18,735	\$23,400	\$21,570
2	\$25,365	\$31,695	\$29,190
3	\$31,995	\$39,990	\$36,810
4	\$38,625	\$48,285	\$44,430
5	\$45,255	\$56,580	\$52,050
6	\$51,885	\$64,875	\$59,670
7	\$58,515	\$73,170	\$67,290
8	\$65,145	\$81,465	\$74,910

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,630 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$8,295 for Alaska; and \$7,620 for Hawaii.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the [Federal Register](#) on January 11, 2019.

PART III: PARENT AND STUDENT RELEASE CONSENT

TRACKING:

I hereby give permission for the UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program to retrieve, store and report education verification information and student outcomes research about me that is gained from the National Clearinghouse and other services.

RESEARCH:

I hereby give permission for UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program to collect and report pertinent information related to ongoing research questions in the TRiO Center. No identifiable data will be made public, but aggregate data may be published or presented including: academic measures (GPA & Test Scores), involvement at University of Central Florida and in TRiO, and other educational or personal data that is relevant to the research.

MEDICAL RELEASE:

If medical services are needed by my son/daughter while participating in the UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program activities or on field trips, I give my permission for my son/daughter to receive any medical services deemed necessary.

RECORDS RELEASE:

I authorize the *UCF Project PACE – Talent Search* at University of Central Florida to access and/or request copies of academic transcripts, grade reports, report cards, standardized test scores, contact information, and any other academic information from the high schools and colleges I attend through my college graduation. I understand that the U.S. Department of Education funds UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program and will use these records to provide academic advisement and other services. I also understand that these records will be handled in a confidential manner and that they will be made available only to program staff and representatives from Federal and State Departments of Education. I/We also give permission to *UCF Project PACE – Talent Search* to request the information identified above from each high school and college that our son or daughter attends. Note: A photocopy of this record release form should be accepted as an original and the date of the application has bearing when the University of Central Florida Project PACE – Talent Search Program requests the information.

ACTIVITY AND FIELD TRIP AUTHORIZATION/RELEASE:

As the parent/guardian of the applicant I do willingly execute this release in consideration of the educational benefit to be derived by my child in participating in UCFPACE-Talent Search, a University sponsored activity. I hereby release from liability and hold the University harmless from any and all claims and causes of action which might be brought by my child for loss of property, personal injury or death sustained by my child arising out of travel or activity conducted by or under the control of the University. I understand that the term “University” as used here in shall include the employees, administrators, agents, and Board of Trustees of the University.

PHOTO RELEASE:

I, being the parent or guardian hereby consent that the photograph/video my son/daughter and/or to use their likeness in photograph(s)/video(s) in any and all of its publications, and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing controlled by University of Central Florida Project PACE – Talent Search program, in perpetuity, and for other uses by the University or Program. I will make NO monetary or other claim against UCF Project PACE – Talent Search program for the use of the photograph(s)/video(s).

By my signature below, I hereby agree to and fully understand all the above issues/conditions and do accept full responsibility as outline above.

Student/Applicant Print Name: _____

Student/Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROJECT P.A.C.E -TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

The University of Central Florida Project PACE – Talent Search is a federally funded program (US Department of Education) for qualifying students in selected middle and high schools who have the determination to attend the college of their choice. Our goal is to assure that our participants graduate from high school, apply and enter the college of their choice, secure financial aid/scholarships to pay for their college education, and graduate with a postsecondary educational degree. The program is based at the University of Central Florida, but a representative from the program will be at your child's school on a regular basis throughout the year to talk with students about their educational goals and to help them identify and achieve their full potential for excellence. The program is 100% grant funded and all services are FREE to participants. The project also provides services to adult learners (19-27) who have yet to earn a secondary school diploma and/or GED. We serve three Title I schools:

Wekiva High School, Piedmont Lakes Middle School and Lockhart Middle School. Our program provides the following services to middle and high schools.

- ❖ Academic Advisement
- ❖ Career Exploration for College
- ❖ College Admissions Assistance
- ❖ College Tours and Cultural Events
- ❖ Study Skills/Decision Making
- ❖ Homework Assistance for Middle School Students
- ❖ E-Tutoring for High School Students
- ❖ FSA/EOC/SAT/ACT Test Prep
- ❖ Financial Literacy
- ❖ Financial Aid/Scholarship Workshops

In order to participate, students must submit an application, and be deemed financially eligible by the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Education. Students will be selected for the program based on their need for these services and on their qualifications. Two-thirds of the participants must demonstrate economic need and be the first generation of their family. We are particularly interested in serving *low income and *first generation college students, but *other may apply.

- *Low- Income:** Refers to an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of poverty level amount.
- *First-generation:** Means neither biological nor adoptive parents have earned a four-year college degree.
- *Others:** Students whose parent have a four-year college degree or exceed the financial guidelines above, however demonstrate an academic need.

Any financial information you provide will be for statistical use of the UCF Project P.A.C.E - Talent Search Program and will be held strictly confidential. School offices will not be provided with these records. Thank you for taking the time to allow your child to have access to this beneficial program. Please help your child complete this application and return it with your child to their school counselor, mail it to the address below or fax it to the number below. For more information, please contact our program director, Stacy Spencer, at 407-823-4425 or via e-mail at Stacy.Spencer@ucf.edu.

ALL UCF PROJECT P.A.C.E - TALENT SEARCH ACTIVITIES ARE FREE TO EACH PARTICIPANT!

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please be sure this application is completed & signed by the student/applicant and parent/guardian.

- ☐ School Transcript - including current grades, grade-point average (GPA), and FSA scores (*math, reading, and writing for 8th grade or 10th grade EOC in biology and algebra 1*). You can obtain this from your guidance office.
- ☐ Copy of student's social security card and/or copy of permanent resident card. (*if applicable*)
- ☐ Family Income Verification - parents/guardians will need to complete the section that applies to them and make sure to sign/date. If applicable provide proof of most recent income tax form or other appropriate documentation. Please note all documentations will need to be signed for verification purposes.