

'Talent Search' program now under way

The talent search program at Western Piedmont Community College is well under way and program organizers are accepting applications for participants.

During the 1994-95 school year, the talent search project will serve 600 individuals - 250 from middle school; 250 from high school; and 100 adults.

Talent search is a program designed to help qualified students in grades six through 12 succeed academically, explore their college and career opportunities, and enter the college, vocational school, or university of their choice.

Talent search also helps people who have not completed their high school education, but who have the ability to do so, to receive their GED and explore other areas of education.

Students between the ages of 12 and 27 may apply for Talent Search services.

To be eligible, the federal government requires all students to demonstrate academic potential and have an interest in pursuing a college education.

The talent search program must have two-thirds of its participants as first generation college students

(where neither parent has a four-year degree) or meet established low-income guidelines.

In addition to applying for the program themselves, participants may also get referrals from parents, teachers, community agencies, and other students.

To find out more about applying for the program, middle school and high school students should talk to counselors working with the pro-

gram.

At East Burke Middle School, Heritage Middle School, and East Burke High School, Dana Cole is the counselor.

The counselor at Liberty Middle School, Table Rock Middle School, and Freedom High School is Maureen Schwind.

Individuals can also talk to Virginia Parrish, director of the program, at 439-2315.