

# Financial Aid Application for 2017-18

## Gifted and Talented Education programs



GATE strives to support families who cannot afford the tuition required to attend GATE programs. Need-based aid is awarded based on family income using the Federal Eligibility Guidelines for Reduced Lunch. To determine eligibility, go to: <http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/fn/pdf/form127.pdf> and find your Household size on the "Reduced Priced Meals" chart. To qualify for GATE Financial Aid, your Annual family income must be below the Income listed for your household size. Extenuating circumstances may also be considered - please explain in your Statement of Need (on pg 2 of this form).

To be eligible for financial aid, parents must include the following with their student's online application: **this completed Financial Aid Application form** and **a signed copy of the first two pages of your 2016 federal income tax return**. *If you do not have a current federal tax return because you are not required to file, please fill out the Certification of Non-Filing and Statement of Income Sources on Page 2 of this form.*

Notification of any or no award will be made prior to the beginning of the program via e-mail or mail. At that time, arrangements can be made to pay the remaining balance, if any, or to withdraw from the program. Note: You are responsible for paying the program's application fees or reservation fees and are subject to the GATE refund policy.

### Applicant Information

Student Name

LAST

FIRST

School District

U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No Permanent resident alien?  Yes  No

Country of citizenship if non-US Citizen

VISA Type

VISA #

Parent/Guardian 1 Name

LAST

FIRST

Employer

Occupation

Parent/Guardian 2 Name

LAST

FIRST

Employer

Occupation

Parent Preferred Phone #:

Parent Preferred Email:

Names and Ages of Other Children

Parents' Marital Status  Single  Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed

Student is approved for:  Free Lunch Program\*  Reduced Lunch Program\*

*\*Please provide verification on school letterhead*

**See Page 2 for "Statement of Need" and "Non-Filing" sections and Application Checklist**

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### Statement of Need

Describe the nature of the need for financial aid for this student. Indicate the total \$ amount of aid you feel you need.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Typing your name here constitutes a signature.

### Certification of Non-Filing and Statement of Income Sources

*This section must only be completed by individuals who did not file a 2016 Federal Income Tax Return because they are not required to do so. Filing Requirements taken from IRS Publication 17 for 2016:*

| IF your filing status is...               | AND at the end of 2015 you were...* | THEN file a return if your gross income was at least...** |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| single                                    | under 65                            | \$10,300  |
|   | 65 or older                         | \$11,850  |
| married filing jointly***                 | under 65 (both spouses)             | \$20,600  |
|   | 65 or older (one spouse)            | \$21,850  |
|   | 65 or older (both spouses)          | \$23,100  |
| married filing separately                 | any age                             | \$ 4,000  |
| head of household                         | under 65                            | \$13,250  |
|   | 65 or older                         | \$14,800  |
| qualifying widow(er) with dependent child | under 65                            | \$16,600  |
|   | 65 or older                         | \$17,850  |

#### If Parent/Guardian is a Non-Filer:

I certify that I am not required to file, and I have not filed a 2016 Federal IRS 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ, OR tax return for Puerto Rico or for a foreign country. My income from employment and other sources received in 2016 is:

Source \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Source \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Typing your name here constitutes a signature.

### Financial Aid Application Checklist

- Completed Program Application online at <https://gateway.gifted.msu.edu/gateway/>
- Completed Financial Aid Application (this form, Pages 1 and 2)
- Verification of eligibility for Free or Reduced Lunch program on school letterhead (if applicable)
- Signed copy of pages one and two of your 2016 federal tax return (delete or cover all Social Security #s)
- If not required to file a tax return, complete Certification of Non-Filing and Statement of Income section