

## College and Career Resources for Student Advisors and Counselors

### College and Career Preparation – Student Advisors and Counselors

The Division of Postsecondary and Career Education in the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) developed the following list of resources to support college and career advisors and counselors in the District of Columbia's middle and high schools. An additional resource list follows for advisors and counselors to share with students and families.

#### *OSSE Program Grants*

OSSE manages grants that support college and career readiness work offered by local education agencies, nonprofit agencies, and community partners. These links lead to information about these grants and application processes for local education agencies in DC.

- [Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Certification Program](#)
- [DC Career Academy Network \(DC CAN\)](#)
- [Dual Enrollment](#)
- [SAT and ACT Preparation Expansion Grant](#)

#### *OSSE College and Career Programs and Initiatives*

OSSE also offers regular programs and initiatives that support advisors and counselors' efforts to encourage college and career readiness among their middle and high school students.

- [DC College Application and Exploration Month](#)
- [DC College Signing Day](#)
- [FAFSA Completion Initiative](#)
- [FAFSA Portal](#)  
*Access to the portal is determined by user role (Local Education Agency, District of Columbia College Access Program (DC-CAP), community-based organization)*
- [Postsecondary Access and Readiness Series](#)
- [SAT School Day](#)
- [What's Next Campaign](#)

#### *OSSE Conferences*

Multiple conferences for middle and high school students are offered to support college and career readiness.

- [DigiGirlz: Microsoft IT Awareness Conference](#)
- [CTE Events and Programming](#)

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### College and Career Prep – Students and Families

The Division of Postsecondary and Career Education in the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) developed the following list of resources to support middle and high school students and their support networks as they prepare for college and careers after high school graduation.

#### *OSSE Student Opportunities*

OSSE manages grants, scholarships, and other programs that support students' college and career learning opportunities. These links lead to information about these grants and their application processes.

- [College Conversations](#)
- [DC Tuition Assistance Grant Program \(DCTAG\)](#)
- [Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program](#)
- [OSSE Scholars Summer Enrichment Program](#)
- [The United States Senate Youth Program \(USSYP\)](#)

#### *College Planning*

The following pages provide information that can support your college planning.

- [My College Fact Finder](#)
- [US Department of Education College Scorecard](#)
- [Going2College](#)
- [Learn about Colleges – College Navigator](#) (NCES)
- [Mapping Your Future](#)
- [Big Future – The College Board](#)
- [National College Access Network](#)
- [The College Board](#)

#### *Career Planning*

The following pages provide information to support your career planning.

- [Learn about Careers – Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
- [Explore Careers – Mapping Your Future](#)
- [Career Coach](#)

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### Funding Resources

#### *Searchable Scholarship Lists for Students*

Community partners like the C3N and DC-CAP, as well as federal and national programs offer additional resources for students seeking scholarships information. You can learn about and apply for scholarships using these links.

- [College Board Searchable Scholarship Database](#)
- [Go College - Searchable Scholarship Database](#)
- [Paying for College: Student Resource Guide](#)
- [The Sallie Mae Fund](#)
- [Scholarships for Undocumented Students](#) and [Financial Aid Information for Undocumented Students](#)

#### *Financing College – Helpful Links*

Private and public agencies support the following pages that provide information to help you and your family prepare to finance your college and career education.

- [College Abacus](#)
- [DC College Savings Plan](#)
- [DC Public Schools Scholarship Information](#)
- [FAFSA Application](#)
- [FAFSA- Guide to Completing the FAFSA](#) (PDF)
- [FAFSA Check List](#) (Fast Web)
- [FinAid.org Information Page](#)
- [IRS Education Tax Credits](#)
- [IRS - Tax Benefits for Education](#)  
(*Tax Credit Filing Form*)
- [IRS - Tax Information for Students](#)
- [Stafford Loan Forgiveness for Teachers](#)
- [US Department of Education - Financial Aid Toolkit](#)