

Appendix: District of Columbia Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG), Award Year (AY) 2023-2024

Purpose/Overview

The purpose of the DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG) data deck is to provide information on the performance of DCTAG to appropriators as a part of the process for funding DCTAG in the federal budget.

The data being shared are as of June 23, 2025, based on information entered into the DCTAG OneApp.

Suppressed Data

Data presented are the standard data from annual requests. Award amount by state is provided in suppressed and unsuppressed formats. Generally speaking, this type of data (participation data in a program) does need to be suppressed or blurred if it includes small cell sizes (per the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's [OSSE's] privacy policy).

Suppression due to small cell sizes is included for gender, ward, high school type, as well as enrollment and award by institution state.

The award amount by state *has* historically been suppressed for student counts that are smaller than 10, to avoid publishing information that makes it easy to tell which students received the maximum award amount. OSSE's Division of Data, Assessment, and Research (DAR) has provided options for collapsing categories together so that there are no longer small number of students ($n < 10$).

Data presented for race/ethnicity, gender and high school type are self-reported by the applicant in the Qlik application and may not match values in OSSE's validated data for those fields.

- The data proposed to be released are state-level aggregate data.
- The data we propose to release are for the 2023-24 award year include primarily self-reported data, such as:
 - Total number of students
 - Total number of institutions
 - Enrollment
 - Enrollment, by Income
 - Enrollment, by Race
 - Enrollment, by Ward
 - Enrollment, by Gender

- Enrollment, by High School Type
- Enrollment, by First Time Awardee
- Enrollment, by Recent High School Graduate
- Enrollment, by Enrollment Status
- Enrollment, by Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Enrollment, by Institution Level
- Enrollment and Awards, by Institution State
- Total Amount Awarded, by Year
- Average Award at Public Four-Year Institutions
- Students receiving Maximum Award

Notes:

- Total spent: \$29,967,861 (2023-24 school year)
- Median household income (MHI) for the District of Columbia is reported by the US Census Bureau with American Community Survey 5-year estimates.
- Regarding MHI, DCTAG recipients may also report MHI below \$0.
- In the 2023-24 award year, 149 recipients reported negative MHI.
- “Other or unknown” race/ethnicity includes American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.
- At the direction of DAR, male students and students who did not share a self-identifying gender are included in the same category due to the small number of students who did not select a gender to avoid the risk of revealing student identities.
- Regarding school type, the category for “other” refers to schools outside of the DC area that are unknown. Due to small cell size, the category “other” is inclusive of home-school and GED students.