OSSE Scholars Program

District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education

POSTSECONDARY & CAREER EDUCATION

Become an OSSE SCHOLAR and spend an exciting summer taking college level courses at one of our 14 partner universities!

OSSE Scholars is an original initiative of the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) designed to introduce high school sophomores and juniors to postsecondary learning environment. The free program aims to provide the District's high achieving, academically motivated, and low-income students with the opportunity to participate in enriching summer academic programs at the nation's top ranked universities. It gives students the chance to earn college credits while being exposed to rigorous academic courses, the autonomy of life as a college student, and the on campus living experience.

OSSE provides full tuition, room and board, books and transportation to and from the university. OSSE Scholars is funded through federal College Access Challenge Grant funds and university contributions.

Eligibility Requirements:

- District resident attending a District public or charter high school
- Open to sophomores and juniors
- 3.0 minimum GPA strongly recommended
- Demonstrated extracurricular involvement and leadership skills
- Demonstrated financial need

All students must complete an online application and an interview. Once accepted as an OSSE Scholar, students are matched with and apply to one university program.

Applications are available the beginning of the school year. For specific application deadlines, visit *osse.dc.gov* or call 202-481-3485.

Scholar Supports:

- Parent and peer orientation sessions
- College application and enrollment process assistance
- Selective College Recruitment event: October 4, 2014
- Scholar Alumni Network

Complete an application online at *bit.ly/OSSE-Scholars-14* by October 31, 2014.

Partner Universities:

- Boston University, (Boston, Massachusetts)
- Barnard College (New York City)
- Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh)
- Columbia University (New York City)
- Cornell University (Ithaca, NY)
- Duke University (Durham, North Carolina)
- Emory University (Atlanta, GA)
- Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, Massachusetts)
- Northwestern University (Chicago, IL)
- Smith College (Northampton, Massachusetts)
- Stanford University (Stanford, CA)
- Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)
- University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA)

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