

College and Career Resources for Student Advisors and Counselors

College and Career Prep – Student Advisors and Counselors

To support traditional middle and high school student advisors and counselors the Division of Postsecondary and Career Education in the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) has developed the following list of resources. An additional resource list for students and families follows for advisors and counselors to share.

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 their application processes.

- [Career and Technical Education Certification Program](#)
- [College, Credential, and Career Ready Summer Initiative](#)
- [DC Career Academy Network \(DC CAN\)](#)
- [Dual Enrollment](#)
- [SAT 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.

- [The College and Credential Completion Network \(C3N\)](#)
 - [College Readiness Metrics](#)
 - [Counselor Professional Development](#)
 - [DC College Application Week](#)
 - [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)*
- [Smart College Choices Initiative](#)
 - [What's Next Campaign](#)

OSSE Conferences

OSSE's Postsecondary and Career Education Division offers an annual conference for high school counselors.

- [Postsecondary & Career Education Conference](#)

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

- [DigiGirlz: Microsoft IT Awareness Conference](#)
- [Middle School Conference on College and Career](#)
- [Young Men and Young Women's Conferences](#)

College and Career Resources for Students and Families

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To support traditional middle and high school students and their personal support networks, the Division of Postsecondary and Career Education in the Office of the State Superintendent (OSSE) has developed the following list of resources.

OSSE Student Opportunities

OSSE manages grants and scholarships that support student's college and career learning opportunities. These links lead to information about these grants and their application processes.

- [DC Tuition Assistance Grant Program \(DCTAG\)](#)
- [Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program](#)
- [OSSE Scholars](#)
- [Summer Transition 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](#)
- [Going2College](#)
- [Learn about Colleges – College Navigator](#)
- [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](#)
- [Hottest Careers for College Graduates – College Board](#)

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.

- [C3N Scholarship Listing](#)
- [College Board Searchable Scholarship Database](#)
- [DC-CAP Scholarship Listing](#)
- [Go College Searchable Scholarship Database](#)
- [Paying for College: Student Resource Guide](#)
- [The Sallie Mae Fund](#)
- [The Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit](#)
- [Scholarships 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.

- [DC College Savings Plan](#)
- [FAFSA Application](#)
- [FAFSA Completion Publication](#)
- [FAFSA Completion Video \(Fast Web\)](#)
- [FinAid.org Information Page](#)
- [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](#)