Close the Gap: Get up to \$8,000 for 2023-24 with the DC Futures Program!

What is DC Futures?

The DC Futures Program is so much more than a scholarship. Eligible District of Columbia residents can receive a last-dollar scholarship of up to \$8,000 for the 2023-24 academic year to attend one of three approved local universities if they major in specific program areas. The application is open now for scholarships that can be used during the 2023-24 academic year. The DC Futures Program includes:

- Help with the "last dollar" tuition: The award is designed to fill the gap between a student's financial aid package and the cost of attendance.
- Up to \$8,000 per year: Participants in the DC Futures Program are eligible to receive up to \$8,000 per academic year. To receive a scholarship, participants must:
 - o Enroll at one of three eligible universities
 - Be seeking their first associate or bachelor's degree
 - Enroll in a high-demand field.
- **College coaching:** All DC Futures participants are required to take part in a college coaching program either through DC Futures designated providers or through an approved program such as DCPS Persists. This support comes with a stipend, in addition to the scholarship.
- Access to additional funds: DC Futures participants enrolled in an eligible university are eligible to request up to \$2,000 annually in emergency funds for unanticipated expenses. They may also request Prior Year Unpaid Balance payments (this is only a one-time opportunity). Both types of support are based on need and funding availability.
- Ability to re-apply each year: There is no guarantee applicants will receive awards each year, as participation is based on the availability of funding and program capacity, on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents must reapply each year.

The table below offers more information about eligibility requirements and a list of colleges and universities where DC Futures funding can be used. For the application and a list of required documents, please visit the <u>DC Futures webpage</u>. For questions, contact the DC Futures staff at <u>osse.dcfutures@dc.gov</u>. **The application for the 2023-24 academic year is now open. The deadline is Aug. 18, 2023, at 3 p.m. EST.**

Whether you are interested in the scholarship, coaching, or career advice – explore the sections below, determine if you are eligible for the DC Futures Program, and apply!

| Basic Eligibility Requirements | Eligible Colleges and Universities |
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| You have been a resident of the District of Columbia for the last 12 months You can demonstrate financial need based on annual household income | The Catholic University of America Trinity Washington University University of the District of Columbia/University of the District of Columbia - Community College |





