

**Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Administrative Issuance
Change in DCTAG Application Deadline**

Effective Date: December 10, 2021

I. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to announce that the Office of State Superintendent of Education (“OSSE”) is removing the existing District of Columbia Tuition Assistance Grant (“DCTAG”) application deadline date and setting a new application deadline of August 19th for the 2022-2023 award year and each subsequent year until further notice.

II. Background

DCTAG was created by the U.S. Congress in 1999 through the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 (P.L. 106-98) and amended by the District of Columbia College Access Improvement Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-157) and District of Columbia College Improvement Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-97). OSSE is responsible for administering the federally-funded DCTAG program that provides District of Columbia (“District”) residents with up to \$10,000 per year toward the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition at public colleges and universities nationwide. The program also provides up to \$2,500 toward tuition at private nonprofit colleges and universities in the District and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities nationwide.

In-state public institutions provide more affordable access to post-secondary education for residents of that jurisdiction. Given the limited number of public post-secondary education options within the District, DCTAG expands post-secondary education options for District residents by enabling greater access to institutions of higher education. DCTAG provides critical financial assistance awards to District residents to attend eligible out-of-state institutions of higher education. Without access to DCTAG funding, many District students’ opportunities to enroll in a post-secondary educational path to complete a two- or four-year degree will be significantly reduced or denied.

DCTAG is adjusting the application deadline to align with best practices in higher education financial aid.

III. Authority

Sections 3(f)(2) and 5(e)(2) of the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999, approved November 12, 1999, (Pub. L. 106-98, D.C. Official Code §§ 38-2702(f)(2) and 382704(e)(4) (2012 Repl.)); Section 3(b)(11) of the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code § 38-2602(b)(11)) (2012 Repl. and 2014 Supp.); Section 402(b) of the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Support Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001, (D.C. Law 14-28); 29 DCMR § 7000.4; Mayor’s Order 2000-138, dated September 7, 2000.

IV. Procedures

With this administrative issuance, OSSE is setting the DCTAG application deadline to August 19th. This deadline will remain for this and future award years until OSSE issues a new administrative issuance through publication in the District of Columbia Register and on its website.

SO ORDERED:

Christina Grant
Acting State Superintendent
Office of the State Superintendent