



## DC Futures Program

### Emergency Funds and Prior Years' Unpaid Balance Requests

#### What is the DC Futures Program Emergency Fund?

The DC Futures Program (DC Futures) Emergency Fund allows DC Futures participants enrolled in college to request up to \$2,000 each year they participate to address emergency expenses that may cause personal and financial barriers to college completion. DC Futures students must apply for the funds through their university. If the university approves the application, funds should be available within a few days. DC Futures students can also make a one-time request of up to \$1,500 to pay down a previous year's unpaid balance at an institution of higher education. While emergency fund payments are not guaranteed, they are available until exhausted.

- Emergency expenses include food, housing, childcare, transportation, health and safety needs and learning resources.
- Previously unpaid balance funds are intended to enable DC Futures students to access transcripts and credits that can be applied to their current major or program.

#### Emergency Funds and Previous Years' Unpaid Balance Requests:

DC Futures students can request further information from their coaches and from their university's financial aid office about emergency fund applications. Only DC Futures participants enrolled in college can make emergency fund and previous years' unpaid balance fund requests for more than one year of unpaid balances at previously attended institutions of higher education.

- Applications can be found at:
  - The Catholic University of America: [DC Futures Emergency Fund Application](#)
  - Trinity Washington University: [DC Futures Financial Assistance Program](#)
  - University of the District of Columbia (UDC)/UDC-Community College: Please contact the UDC Office of Financial Aid by email at [finaid@udc.edu](mailto:finaid@udc.edu) or call (202) 274-5941.

For questions related to DC Futures Emergency Funds and Previous Years' Unpaid Balance requests, please contact Kimberly Romero at [Kimberly.Romero@dc.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Romero@dc.gov).

#### DC Futures Program Eligibility Information

The table below provides eligibility information and a list of eligible universities for DC Futures. The application and list of required documents can be found by visiting the [DC Futures page](#). For questions, please review the DC Futures [Question and Answer \(Q&A\)](#) page or contact the DC Futures staff at [osse.dcfutures@dc.gov](mailto:osse.dcfutures@dc.gov). The [application](#) for the 2023-24 academic year is now open. The deadline is Aug. 18, 2023, at 3 p.m. EST.

Basic Eligibility Requirements	Eligible Colleges and Universities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have been a resident of the District of Columbia for the last 12 months</li> <li>• You can demonstrate financial need based on annual household income</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Catholic University of America</li> <li>• Trinity Washington University</li> <li>• University of the District of Columbia/University of the District of Columbia - Community College</li> </ul>

