



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

**EDUCATION**

## **DCTAG Grant Extended Deadline & Policy Updates: Questions and Answers**

**Q1. What if I am planning on attending school in the fall of 2020, do I still have until Nov. 13, 2020 to complete my application?**

**A1.** Yes, but we highly encourage you to complete the process before that date. We recommend completing your application before the semester begins, if at all possible.

**Q2. What happens if my tax returns are not available by the Nov. 13, 2020 deadline?**

**A2.** Tax returns are one of the documents families may use for domicile verification to be deemed eligible for DCTAG. Acceptable documents must be submitted by the DCTAG deadline, and a full list of acceptable documents is provided in the [checklist](#). The revised DCTAG deadline provides additional time for residents to file taxes, have the taxes processed, and submit a copy of a parent/guardian's D-40 tax return.

If you have questions regarding filing your DC taxes and/or accessing a D-40 tax return for the DC OneApp, [contact the Office of Tax and Revenue \(OTR\)](#). For DCTAG updates and to contact DCTAG counselors, please visit the [DCTAG website](#).

**Q3. How can I obtain a copy of my D-40 taxes while OTR and OSSE are working remotely?**

**A3.** Your taxes must be filed and completely processed for a D-40 tax return to be available electronically. When completing the DCTAG application in the DC OneApp, families can choose to allow the application to interact with OTR information. With your permission, OSSE can obtain your processed tax return electronically.

Please note: You will have to submit information from the tax return in question for the interface to work. See the [DCTAG website](#) for more information. You can also upload a copy of your tax return with other required documents in the DC OneApp.

**Q4. Is the deadline still Nov. 13, 2020, if I am not required to file taxes?**

**A4.** Yes, the deadline is Nov. 13, 2020, but families and students are welcome to submit their completed DC OneApp and supporting documents prior to the deadline. Tax returns are one of the documents families may use for domicile verification to be deemed eligible for DCTAG. Please see the [supporting documents checklist](#) for a list of acceptable documents.

**Q5. What happens if the school I'm attending isn't open for all or part of the 2020–21 school year?**

**A5.** If your school has not made an announcement regarding its 2020-21 school year, you should assume it will be open and apply for DCTAG by the Nov. 13, 2020, deadline.

If your school is only offering classes for spring 2021, you should apply for DCTAG by the Nov. 13, 2020 deadline as the current application is for the entire 2020-21 school year.

If your college is not open for the 2020-21 school year and you decide to attend another institution, you can apply for and receive a DCTAG award for attendance if the other institution is DCTAG eligible.

**Q6. What happens if the school I plan to attend is only offering online courses?**

**A6.** You may take online courses at DCTAG-eligible schools. Many students take both online and in-person classes during the school year.

**Q7. Will I still be eligible for the full \$10,000 annual award if I do not attend school in the fall?**

**A7.** No, you will not. The award is limited to \$5,000 per semester or \$3,333 per quarter at public institutions, and \$1,250 at four-year private HBCUs, nationwide, and private, not-for-profit colleges and universities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. If you choose to enroll in summer school at your home school, you may be eligible for funding depending on your enrollment status.

**Q8. If I defer college until 2021-22 will I still be eligible for DCTAG next year?**

**A8.** Yes, as long as you still meet all the eligibility requirements outlined on the [DCTAG Prepare](#) page you will still be eligible for DCTAG for the 2021-22 school year. Applications for the 2021-22 school year open in February 2021.

**Questions?**

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