



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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To reflect today's postsecondary landscape while staying true to DCTAG's legislative purpose to "enable college-bound residents of the [District] to have greater choices among institutions of higher education." The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) has made three important policy changes to the District of Columbia Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG) program that will enable the program to serve more college-bound DC students and support your institution's enrollment, retention, and conferring efforts.

The new policy changes will go into effect during the upcoming 2017-18 DCTAG season which began on February 1, 2017 are outlined below:

Old Policy	New Policy
Students who attended eligible public community colleges were only eligible for up to \$2,500 per year in tuition assistance.	Students who attend eligible public community colleges can receive up to \$10,000 per year in tuition assistance.
The age limit for receipt of DCTAG funds was 24 years old.	Students are now eligible to receive DCTAG funds until the age of 26.
The limit on students' funding was based on six years from their initial postsecondary enrollment.	The limit on students' funding is now based on six years of receiving a DCTAG award.

We are encouraged that these positive changes will increase access to broader school choices for students of the District of Columbia.

Regards,

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