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OSSE Encourages College-Bound Residents to Apply to DCTAG and Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program

(Washington, DC) – Today, Interim State Superintendent Dr. Antoinette S. Mitchell is encouraging DC residents interested in higher education to apply for two tuition support programs: the [DC Tuition Assistance Grant \(DCTAG\)](#) and the [Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program](#). Applications for both programs opened the first week of February and will close on Friday, August 15, 2025, at 3 p.m.

"Higher education is a key to unlocking endless possibilities for our students and the tuition assistance and scholarship programs offered by the District provide wonderful opportunities for DC families to access financial support to make higher education attainable," said Interim State Superintendent Dr. Antoinette S. Mitchell. "Every student in DC deserves the opportunity to pursue higher education, and DCTAG and Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program are vital resources in making the college dream possible."

Applications for DCTAG and the Mayor's Scholars program require information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine student eligibility for most applicants.

DCTAG is a federally funded program that pays the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition at schools attended by District students. Students are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 toward tuition annually at public colleges nationwide and up to \$2,500 toward tuition at private colleges in DC and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Interested students can apply for the DC Tuition Assistance Grant through the DC OneApp at dconeapp.dc.gov.

The Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program is a locally funded program that provides need-based assistance for eligible students earning their first associate or bachelor's degree. Both incoming and current college students are eligible for this award program.

Students must apply to each program annually, so all 2024-25 applicants and awardees must reapply to be considered for 2025-26 awards. Applicants should follow each program's application instructions and document requirements to ensure their application is complete.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) manages grants, scholarships and other programs that support students' college and career learning opportunities. Visit OSSE's website for information about these grants and their application processes as well as other resources for college-bound residents. To learn more about DCTAG or Mayor's Scholars, please visit osse.dc.gov/page/scholarships-and-grants-students.