DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT (DCTAG)

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1
- Learn the DCTAG Background

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- Be exposed to the eligibility requirements

3
- Be given an overview of the payment process

DO YOU HAVE A MONEY TREE IN YOUR BACKYARD?

WHAT IS DCTAG ?

DCTAG- is the District of Columbia Tuition Assistance Grant. It pays the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition at public, community, private HBCU's and private local colleges.

The DC Tuition Assistance Program (DC TAG) was created by Congress in 1999 for the purpose of expanding higher education choices for college-bound residents of the District of Columbia. All public institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and private nonprofit colleges and universities within the Washington Metropolitan area are eligible to participate in DCTAG.

DCTAG Accomplishments

Since the first DCTAG awards were made in 2000, the program has helped 26,011* students enroll at 578 institutions across 49 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

*Through the 2015-16 academic year

QUICK DCTAG FACTS

Awards over $30 million dollars each year to 5,000+ eligible D.C. Residents attending over 300 colleges and universities.

Conducts extensive outreach regarding DCTAG, Federal aid and college options in D.C. and nearby Maryland.

Is a legislative partner of the U.S. Department of Education.

Works with college access provider organizations in the area to expand college-going rates.

QUICK DCTAG FACTS

Pays the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition.

How long can you use DCTAG?

DCTAG eligibility expires after six years of receipt.

Must be 26 years of age or younger.

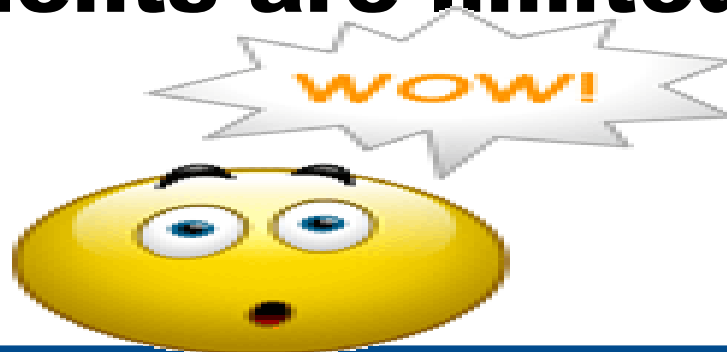Deadline June 30th or until funds are exhausted

DCTAG SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

- Public institutions nationwide

- Private HBCU's nationwide

- Private institutions in the Washington, DC Metro area

- Must be Title IV higher education eligible institution

DCTAG Rules To Remember

While **(2015-16) DCTAG students** have an income limitation of **$1,062,228 million**, DCTAG Students **(2016-17)** have an income limitation of **$796,671 and (2019-2020)** students are limited to **$499,000!**

WOW!

DCTAG Enrollment & Awards by Institution's State (AY 2015-16)

Rank	State	Students	Awards	Rank	State	Students	Awards	Rank	State	Students	Awards
1	MD	832	$5,689,886	18	MA	23	$205,627	35	MO	n<10	n<10
2	VA	703	$5,445,167	19	OK	21	$170,175	36	NM	n<10	n<10
3	NC	528	$3,868,241	20	WA	20	$183,335	37	RI	n<10	n<10
4	DC	494	$1,058,789	21	IN	20	$171,797	38	KS	n<10	n<10
5	PA	468	$3,602,692	22	TN	20	$163,750	39	MN	n<10	n<10
6	WV	240	$1,796,572	23	AZ	19	$168,599	40	NV	n<10	n<10
7	DE	196	$1,592,813	24	NJ	19	$164,885	41	HI	n<10	n<10
8	GA	114	$468,057	25	CO	17	$158,200	42	MT	n<10	n<10
9	SC	113	$731,926	26	LA	13	$65,856	43	NE	n<10	n<10
10	OH	105	$831,214	27	TX	12	$70,166	44	AR	n<10	n<10
11	FL	88	$499,067	28	KY	11	$88,445	45	ND	n<10	n<10
12	CA	67	$596,803	29	OR	10	$92,880	46	VI	n<10	n<10
13	WI	66	$569,131	30	MS	n<10	n<10	47	SD	n<10	n<10
14	NY	66	$556,458	31	CT	n<10	n<10				
15	MI	64	$584,493	32	IL	n<10	n<10				
16	AL	57	$371,850	33	IA	n<10	n<10	Total		4525	$31,010,075
17	VT	54	$493,785	34	ME	n<10	n<10				

DCTAG AWARD AMOUNTS
Public Four Year Institutions

Pays up to $10,000 per year of the **difference** between in-state and out-of-state tuition cost for full- or half-time students. Awards may be reduced for less than full-time enrollment.

Award Calculation Example

Out-of-state Tuition & Fees $32,644[1]

In-State Tuition & Fees $17,416

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Difference $15,228

Award Amount $10,000

Cumulative limit $50,000 per student

[1] **Penn State University-University Park 2017-18**

DCTAG AWARD AMOUNTS
Private Institutions

Pays up to $2,500 per year toward tuition cost for full- or half-time students.

Award will be reduced for less than full-time enrollment (pro-rated).

Full-time	$1,250.00
3/4-time	$ 937.50
Half-time	$ 625.00

Cumulative award limit $12,500 per student

DCTAG Rules To Remember

Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as determined by the college or university.

The DCTAG Office cannot overrule a SAP determination made by a college/university.

What DCTAG Does Not/Is Not

Any student who is charged as an in-state resident will not be DCTAG eligible. All DCTAG Students must be charged out-of-state tuition.

DCTAG does not cover room & board, books & supplies, etc!

DCTAG is not front-end money!

DCTAG Payment Process

The DCTAG Award Letter should be submitted to the financial aid office at the college/university.

The college/university (Financial Aid Office) must submit an electronic payment invoice.

Once that invoice has been received by the DCTAG Office, a check is sent to the college/university within 30 business days or less.

<u>If the college of university submits the payment invoice late, the check will be late!</u>

HOW TO APPLY!

3 Steps to complete DCTAG

1. Complete OneApp for DCTAG yearly @www.dconeapp.dc.gov

2. Complete the FAFSA @www.fafsa.ed.gov

3. Submit all supporting documents to DCTAG

Never Forget

The **DCTAG** Toll-Free Number-
1-877-485-6751

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dctag_program

DCTAG on twitter-
@DC_TAG or @DCTAG

DCTAG on Facebook-
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How to Reach Us

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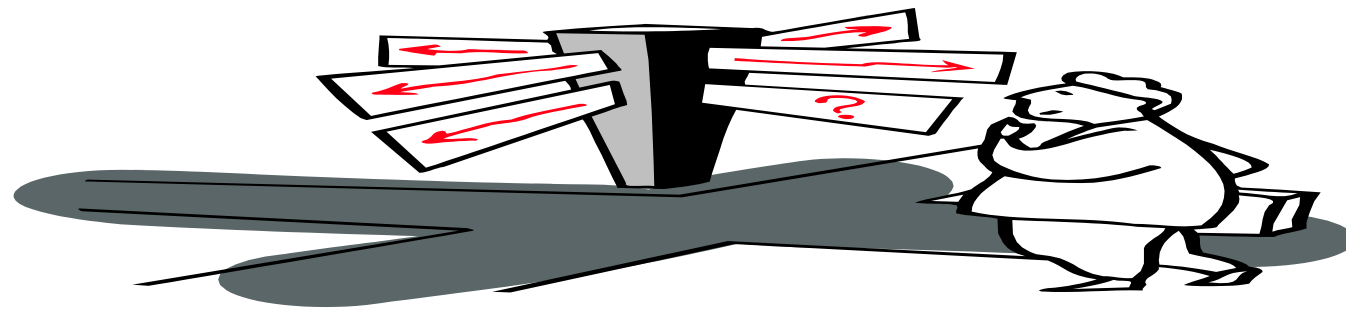(202) 727-2824
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Questions & Answers

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