DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROGRAMS

DC Tuition Assistance Program (DC TAG)

DESCRIPTION: The DC Tuition Assistance Program (DCTAG) was created by Congress 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 non-profit colleges and universities (within the Washington Metropolitan area) are eligible to participate in the DCTAG. District residents may use DC TAG to at attend any one of the more than 2,500 public colleges and universities in the nation. The award is paid directly to the institution and is equal to the difference between the in-state and the out-of-state tuition (up to $10,000 per year). There is a lifetime maximum of $50,000. Students must be enrolled on a half time basis, in good academic standing. (DC TAG Website; http://seo.dc.gov; 10/12/2006.)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: An eligible student is enrolled at an eligible institution on at least a half-time basis (6 credits or more); enrolled in a degree-granting program (including certificate programs), and in good academic standing (as defined by the institution). Students are required to forward a copy of their personalized Letter of Eligibility (LOE) to the financial aid office at their institution. The DCTAG is paid directly to the institution, and is paid 30 days from the date of receipt of the invoice. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Prove U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen status
- Domiciled in the District of Columbia at least 12 months prior to applying for DCCTAG for the first time
- Not in default status with federal student loans
- All new applicants beginning with the 2006-2007 school year will not receive funding after 25 years of age
- Complete the FAFSA
- Must complete course of study within four calendar years for community colleges

AWARD AMOUNT: DC-TAG pays the difference between the out-of-state tuition rate and the county rate, up to $2500 per academic year for community colleges. First time applicants for the 2006-2007 school year may receive a lifetime maximum of $10000. Available for fall and spring semesters only.

CONTACT PERSONS: Laurencia Henderson or Ken Howard, DC-TAG Office.

STUDENT PROCEDURES TO APPLY: Student must complete the FAFSA and the DC ONEAPP, and provide the DC TAG office with a certified copy of the most recent DC tax return, copies of 2 utility bills, a final high school transcript, and college transcripts for renewal applicants. Students should contact the DC TAG office for other information on how to apply.

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DC College Access Program (DC CAP)

DESCRIPTION: DC-CAP is a non-profit organization working in partnership with the District of Columbia School System to provide counseling and financial assistance to DC residents. DC-CAP is supported entirely by donations and grants from foundations, corporations, and individuals, and is therefore, private funding.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Student must be a Washington, D.C. resident, must have graduated from a D.C. high school, and must have completed the FAFSA. Student must be enrolled in a degree-seeking curriculum, including certificate programs. Student must contact DC-CAP office at 202-783-7933 for application information.

For more information: www.dccap.org

DC College Success Program
(DC Achievers Program)

DESCRIPTION: The District of Columbia Achievers Program is a partnership of the District of Columbia College Success Foundation (DC CSF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The program provides scholarships, mentoring support and high-intensity college access services to approximately 250 highly motivated, low-income students from **six** public high schools in Washington, DC, annually. The six schools are in Wards 7 and 8 — two of the economically neediest sections in the district. Over a 15-year time frame, 2,250 District of Columbia students will receive more than $110 million in scholarships and support. The first cohort of DC Achievers Scholars will enter college in the fall of 2008.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Please visit the following website for details:

http://www.dccollegesuccessfoundation.org/criteria.htm

AWARD AMOUNT: $5000 per year per student.