



Washington, D.C.

D.C. OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM TYPE

- Voucher
 - Means-tested

SCHOLARSHIP CAP

- \$8,381 (grades K–8)
- \$12,572 (grades 9–12)

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program (\$44,123 for a family of four in 2014) or participated in the program in the preceding year and has a family income of up to 300 percent of the federal poverty guideline (\$71,550 for a family of four in 2014)
- Priority given to students who attend schools deemed in need of improvement, corrective action or restructuring under the federal No Child Left Behind Act; were awarded a scholarship in the preceding year; or have a sibling participating in the program
- Students from low-income families in other public schools are also eligible
- Students currently attending private school are also eligible
- Evaluation participants must take nationally norm-referenced test

ENROLLMENT CAP

- None

PROGRAM FUNDING

- \$20 million authorized

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Must not discriminate
- Comply with district health and safety codes
- Maintain a valid certificate of occupancy
- Teachers in core subjects must have a bachelor's degree
- Must comply with standards prescribed under the District of Columbia compulsory school attendance laws
- Must allow site visits by the administering program entity
- Administer a nationally norm-referenced standardized test; a comparative evaluation will be conducted utilizing D.C. Public Schools, charter schools and OSP school testing data
- Submit proof of financial sustainability for schools in operation for five years or less
- Has financial systems in place to ensure that funds are used appropriately

YEAR ENACTED

- 2004

DATA UPDATE

Scholarships Awarded	1,442
Schools Participating	51
2014 Expenditures	\$13,400,000

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

