Household Number: \_\_\_\_\_

OMB: 1855-0015



## Scholarship Application

D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program

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Thank you for your interest in the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). This form should be filled out by the parent or guardian who lives with the child(ren) applying for a scholarship.

Part A Description of Opportunity Scholarship Program and signed agreement to participate

Part B Information needed to determine eligibility for D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program

<b>1. Applicant Name(s</b> List the name of parent	•	dren applying for a D.C. Oppor	tunity Scholarship.
Parent/Guardian (You)	First	Middle	Last
Child #1	FIISU	Midule	Last
Child #2	First	Middle	Last
	First	Middle	Last
Child #3	First	Middle	Last
Child #4	First	Middle	Loct
	FIISL	Midule	Last

2. Have you ever applied before to the OSP for any of your child(ren)?				
C Yes	🗖 No	Not sure		

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# Part A: Description of OSP & Agreement to Participate

### 1. Description of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program and Evaluation

The OSP provides scholarships to enable low-income D.C. elementary and secondary students to attend private schools.

- Receiving a scholarship will not interfere in any way with any other public assistance your family may receive. The amount of the scholarship will not be treated as income of the child or their parent/guardian for purposes of Federal tax laws or for determining eligibility for any other federal program.
- Scholarships may only be used at a school participating in the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program. The Trust will provide you with a list of participating schools.
- If there are more applicants than slots in schools or available funds, the law requires that scholarships will be given out through a lottery. The lottery will give priority to eligible students who are attending an elementary school or secondary school identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring;
- Only eligible families with <u>completed</u> applications will be included in the lottery. A completed application is one that includes: (1) the application form, (2) the necessary documentation proving eligibility, and (3) verification that your child participated in the pre-lottery reading and math tests that are required for the evaluation. If your application is determined to be incomplete (missing any of those documents) we will contact you and give you a limited time in which to complete your application. If you do not complete your application in time, we will not be able to include you in the lottery. The determination of whether or not your application is complete is not made when you submit it. The determination of eligibility and if your application is complete is made by the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation (Trust) once we have had time to review your submission in detail.
- If your child receives a scholarship, you are responsible for applying to the schools that you are interested in. Each school has its own application process, and you must contact participating schools directly to apply.
- Schools that you apply to will inform you whether or not your child is **admissible**. We will ask you to list your top 3 choices of schools. We will make every effort to place each child in his or her first choice school. But if there are more children that have requested a particular grade in a particular school, we will hold a lottery to determine which children will get those spaces. Your child is not PLACED in a school, and no payment can be made with their scholarship, until the Trust places them.
- While application to the Program is voluntary, all applicants must participate in the Evaluation, whether or not they receive a scholarship. The Evaluation is important because it lets Congress measure the success of the Program has been. As part of the Evaluation, applicants must agree to:
  - 0 Annual testing of your child in reading and math, and surveys of children in grades 4 and above;
  - 0 Parent surveys
  - 0 Collection of files and records from your child's school.
- If you have any questions about the application or your eligibility for the Program, please call the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation (Trust) at 1-888-DC-YOUTH.

### 2. Agreement to Participate

When the U.S. Congress created the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, it established rules for who is eligible to apply and how those applications should be handled. Congress also required that an evaluation be conducted to study the Program and students' experiences before, during, and after being part of the Program. This form is your agreement that you understand these important requirements for the Program.

#### In submitting this application, I agree to the following for each child named below:

- To be eligible for participation in the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, I must live in the District of Columbia and my annual household income must be below certain specified amounts. I certify that I am now a resident of the District of Columbia and will be for the 2011-12 school year.
- I understand that, if eligible, my child's name will be placed in a lottery for a scholarship. I also understand my child(ren) may or may not receive a scholarship under this Program.
- I understand that the Trust must keep copies of all documents submitted during the application process to ensure that families are eligible. The Trust will keep this data strictly confidential.
- I understand that the Trust will have access to my child's report cards while my child is participating in this program. This information will be held strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone but designated Trust staff.
- I understand that my child and I are required to participate in all aspects of the evaluation, including the annual testing of my child, filling out annual surveys, and allowing records to be collected from my child's school. If my child and I do not participate in these evaluation activities, my child will not be eligible for a scholarship in any year.
- I consent to the disclosure of information about my child(ren) and me contained in this application to the U.S. Department of Education and its contractor(s) for the purposes of evaluating this program. I understand that the Department and its contractors will not release to anyone or any organization personally identifiable information in this application, except as required by law.

Signature	Parent/Guardian Name (Print)	Date			
<b>3. How did you hear about the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program?</b> Check all that apply					
<ul> <li>Family Member or Friend</li> <li>Letter/Flyer from the Trust</li> <li>School</li> <li>Community Organization</li> <li>Radio</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Applied to OSP Before</li> <li>Newspaper Article, Ad,</li> <li>Website</li> <li>Trust Representative</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	or Metro			
4. What language is spoken most often in your home?					
English	Spanish				

Hindi/Urdu

Amharic

U Vietnamese

Other \_\_\_\_\_

# Part B: Program Application

#### Instructions

- Fill out all pages of this form do not leave any questions blank
- Submit additional documents in person at Trust office, fax (202.478.0991), or email ospadmin@cyitc.org
- You will receive a letter in the mail with the status of your application
- Please allow 5-10 business days for processing

<b>1. Residency and Contact Information</b> Fill in contact information for applying parent/guardian (you).				
Parent/Guardian Name (You) Physical Address (No PO Boxes)				
City	State _		Zip Code	
Home Phone		Work Phone		
Cell Phone		Email		

2. How long have you lived at your current address?	# of Years	# of Months

3. Alternate Cor			1
Do not list yourse	elf as a contact. Common exa	nples of contacts a	re relatives and neighbors.
Contact Person 1	Name		
Relationship to You		Home Phone	
Work Phone		Cell Phone	
Contact Person 2	Name		
Relationship to You		Home Phone	
Work Phone		Cell Phone	
Student Contact	Name		

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Cell Phone	Email			
4. How many people live in your residence?	You		Adults 8+)	Children
	1			
5. What is your monthly rent or mortgag	ge?			
Rent \$ Mortgag	ge \$		Other	
a. Who pays your monthly rent or mortgage? (chec	k all that apply)	I		
Myself (OSP Parent/Guardian)	Non-gover	mment organ	ization	
DCHA/HCVP/HUD	Friend or r	elative (does	not reside v	vith you)
Spouse or other adult (living with you)	Other:			
b. Check if any of the following apply:				
Live with friend or relative (other than mino	r children)	Live v		mmate or
6. In the past 12 months, did your family If you answer yes, please fill out the IMA Statemer	-	-	iment ass	sistance?
Public assistance payments, welfare benefits (ex. TANF, G	C)	Yes		No
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)		Yes		No
Medical Assistance (i.e. Medicaid)		Yes		No
7. Complete the following statement				
I certify that I, am the current guardian of the child(ren) I	isted below:	(Parent/0	Guardian I	Name),
Child(ren) Name(s) – 17 and Younger List all children (whether or not you are applying for them)	DOB (mm/	dd/yyyy)		Child/Ward check box)
	/	/		
	/	/		
	/	/		

	/	/		
	/	/		

8. Information for Parent/Guardian and Additional Adult(s) Your financial household includes people who financially contribute to your household expenses and/or vice versa. Fill the table below for all adults (18+) in your financial household.					
	You	Adult 2	Adult 3		
Name of Adult					
Social Security Number	<u></u>				
Date of Birth (m/d/yy)	//	/	//		
Gender	🗖 Male 🗖 Female	🗖 Male 🗖 Female	🗖 Male 🗖 Female		
Relationship to You	Self	<ul> <li>Spouse</li> <li>Parent/Step-Parent</li> <li>Boyfriend/Girlfriend</li> <li>Son/Daughter (18+)</li> <li>Grandparent</li> <li>Other:</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Spouse</li> <li>Parent/Step-Parent</li> <li>Boyfriend/Girlfriend</li> <li>Son/Daughter (18+)</li> <li>Grandparent</li> <li>Other:</li></ul>		
What is the adult's race?	<ul> <li>White</li> <li>Black, African-American</li> <li>American Indian or Alaskan Native</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>White</li> <li>Black, African-American</li> <li>American Indian or Alaskan Native</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>White</li> <li>Black, African-American</li> <li>American Indian or Alaskan Native</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</li> </ul>		
Is the adult Hispanic/Latino(a)?	🗋 Yes 🔲 No	🗋 Yes 🔲 No	🗋 Yes 🔲 No		
Marital status	<ul> <li>Single, never married</li> <li>Married, Date:</li> <li>Widowed, Date:</li> <li>Divorced, Date:</li> <li>Separated, Date:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Single, never married</li> <li>Married, Date:</li> <li>Widowed, Date:</li> <li>Divorced, Date:</li> <li>Separated, Date:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Single, never married</li> <li>Married, Date:</li> <li>Widowed, Date:</li> <li>Divorced, Date:</li> <li>Separated, Date:</li> </ul>		
Does the adult currently have a job?	<ul> <li>Yes, full-time job (35 hr+)</li> <li>Yes, part-time job</li> <li>Not surrently working</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Yes, full-time job (35 hr+)</li> <li>Yes, part-time job</li> <li>Not surrontly working</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Yes, full-time job (35 hr+)</li> <li>Yes, part-time job</li> <li>Not currently working</li> </ul>		

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#### 8. Information for Parent/Guardian and Additional Adult(s) (Continued)

Your financial household includes people who financially contribute to your household expenses and/or vice versa. Fill the table below for all adults (18+) in your financial household.

	You	Adult 2	Adult 3			
Name of Adult						
Since beginning work as an adult, about how many years and months has the adult worked?	years, and months	years, and months	years, and months			
What is the adult's highest level of education?	<ul> <li>Less than high school diploma</li> <li>GED</li> <li>High school diploma</li> <li>Some college or training, no degree</li> <li>AA/AS or Certificate from training program</li> <li>Bachelor's degree</li> <li>Master's degree or higher</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Less than high school diploma</li> <li>GED</li> <li>High school diploma</li> <li>Some college or training, no degree</li> <li>AA/AS or Certificate from training program</li> <li>Bachelor's degree</li> <li>Master's degree or higher</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Less than high school diploma</li> <li>GED</li> <li>High school diploma</li> <li>Some college or training, no degree</li> <li>AA/AS or Certificate from training program</li> <li>Bachelor's degree</li> <li>Master's degree or higher</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ul>			

#### 9. Financial Information for Parent/Guardian and Additional Adult(s)

Your financial household includes people who financially contribute to your household expenses and/or vice versa. Fill the table below for all adults (18+) in your financial household.

Income Sources (2010)	You	Adult 2	Adult 3
No Income received			
Filed federal tax return			
If you DID NOT file tax return: total wages, salaries, tips	\$		
Social Security Income, pensions, retirement, veterans' benefits			
Disability benefits (include SSI for dependents)			
Public assistance payments, welfare benefits (ex. TANF, GC)			
Child support or alimony payments			
Gifts from family/friends			
Other income:			

<b>10. Student Information</b> Complete section below for all students applying for the OSP.						
	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3			
Name of Student						
Social Security Number						
Date of Birth (m/d/yy)	//	//	//			
Gender	🗖 Male 🗖 Female	🗖 Male 📮 Female	Male     Female			
Relationship to You	<ul> <li>Son/Daughter</li> <li>Foster Child</li> <li>Grandchild</li> <li>Niece/Nephew</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Son/Daughter</li> <li>Foster Child</li> <li>Grandchild</li> <li>Niece/Nephew</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Son/Daughter</li> <li>Foster Child</li> <li>Grandchild</li> <li>Niece/Nephew</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>			
What is the studen <b>¥ওu ar</b> race?	<ul> <li>White</li> <li>Black, African- American</li> <li>American Indianor officia Antive</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>White</li> <li>Black, African-American</li> <li>American Indian or</li> <li>docxnasentation with 2010</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>White</li> <li>Black, African-American</li> <li>American Indian or</li> <li>American Indian or</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</li> </ul>			
Is the student Hispanic/Latino (a)?	Yes No	Yes No	🗋 Yes 🔲 No			
Does the student have any of the following challenges? (Will not affect their chances of receiving a scholarship.) Grade in Current School (2010-11) Current School Name (2010-11)	<ul> <li>N/A</li> <li>Physical disability</li> <li>Learning disability</li> <li>Problems         <ul> <li>understanding English</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>N/A</li> <li>Physical disability</li> <li>Learning disability</li> <li>Problems understanding English</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>N/A</li> <li>Physical disability</li> <li>Learning disability</li> <li>Problems understanding English</li> </ul>			

	Neighborhood (assigned) public	Neighborhood (assigned) public school	Neighborhood (assigned) public school
	school	Charter school	Charter school
Current School Type	Charter school	(public)Other public	(public)Other public
(2010-11)	(public)Other public	school (e.g., magnet	school (e.g., magnet
	school (e.g., magnet	schools)	schools)
	schools)	Private school	Private school
	Private school		

<b>10. Student Information (Continued)</b> Complete section below for all students applying for the OSP.							
	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3				
Name of Student							
Does the student have any of the following challenges? (Will not affect their chances of receiving a scholarship.)	<ul> <li>N/A</li> <li>Physical disability</li> <li>Learning disability</li> <li>Problems understanding English</li> <li>Individualized Education Plan (IEP)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>N/A</li> <li>Physical disability</li> <li>Learning disability</li> <li>Problems understanding English</li> <li>Individualized Education Plan (IEP)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>N/A</li> <li>Physical disability</li> <li>Learning disability</li> <li>Problems understanding English</li> <li>Individualized Education Plan (IEP)</li> </ul>				
If your child is awarded <u>a scholarship</u> , do you know which school(s) you would like to apply for Fall '11?	<ul> <li>No</li> <li>Yes (list school names)</li> <li></li></ul>	<ul> <li>No</li> <li>Yes (list school names)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No</li> <li>Yes (list school names)</li> <li></li></ul>				
Why are you applying to the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program?							

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Using the list of children in your answer to Section 10, please fill out 11-15 out for <u>each</u> child listed. A separate must be filled out on behalf of each child who is applying for the scholarship.

11.	How satisfied are you with the following aspects of	(CHILD'S NAME) current school?
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		Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
		Dissatisfied	Dissuistica	Satisfied	Satisfied
a.	Location of school				
b.	School safety				
с.	Class sizes				
d.	School facilities				
e.	Respect between teachers and students				
f.	How much teachers inform parents of				
	students' progress				
g.	How much students can observe religious				
	traditions				
h.	Parental involvement in the school				
i.	Discipline				
j.	Academic quality				
k.	Racial mix of students				
١.	Services for students with special needs				

12. What overall grade would you give this child's current school? (Check one box.)

a.	Excellent (A)
b.	Good (B)
c.	Fair (C)
d.	Unsatisfactory (D)
e.	Failing (F)

13. What will be the most important considerations in your choice of schools?
 <u>Select up to three items</u> and mark your top priority in column 1, your second priority in column 2, and your third priority in column 3.

		First Priority	Second Priority	Third Priority
		(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
		(mark only one)	(mark only one)	(mark only one)
a.	Location of school			
b.	School safety			
c.	Class sizes			
d.	School facilities			
e.	Respect between students and teachers			
f.	How much teachers inform parents of			
	students' progress			
g.	How much students can observe religious			
	traditions			
h.	Parental involvement in the schools			
i.	Discipline			
j.	Academic quality			
k.	Racial mix of students			
Ι.	Services for students with special needs			

14. Approximately how much homework is assigned to this child on an average day? (Check one box.)

a.	0 - 30 min	
b.	30 min 1 hour	
	1 - 1½ hours	
d.	1½ - 2 hours	
e.	2 - 2½ hours	
f.	More than 2½ hours	
	Don't know	

#### 15. In the past MONTH, how often did you do the following?

		Never	Once	2 or 3 Times	4 or 5 Times	6 or More Times
a.	Help this child with his or her homework					
b.	Help this child with reading or math that was not part of his or her homework					
c.	Talk with this child about his or her experiences in school					
d. e.	Attended school activities Worked with child on school project					

16. If you \_\_\_\_\_\_ (CHILD'S NAME) is awarded a scholarship, do you know which school(s) you would like the child to apply to for Fall 2011? *Please list them in the order of your preference*.

- a. First choice school.....
- b. Second choice school.....
- c. Third choice school.....

17. Why are you applying to the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program for this child?

#### **11. Certification Signature**

I certify that all information on this form and ALL supporting documentation are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and ALL household income has been reported. I understand that the Trust will have access to my child's report cards while my child is participating in the program and that this information will be held strictly confidential. I understand that deliberate misrepresentation of the information or documentation will result in the scholarship being denied or revoked, and may subject me to prosecution under District and Federal laws.

Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Date