



## Apply For/Renew your SY24-25 Opportunity Scholarship via the Online Parent Portal or In-Person at SOC



### MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: RACHEL SOTSKY

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2023/2024 school year!

As the administrator of the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP), we, at Serving Our Children (SOC), are delighted to see a successful start to the new school year. Our staff has been to many of our participating schools, and we are glad to see children back in the classroom making friends, and learning academic and social skills side-by-side in our schools. SOC staff is available to assist families throughout the year with the OSP and private school application processes.

Please be on the lookout for our regular emails, and our periodic Newsletter, for any important updates to the OSP program.

Take care, and be safe.



### IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- Black Student Fund Event @University of District of Columbia: **October 15, 2023**
- OSP Application Intake @St. Thomas More: **October 16, 2023** from 3pm-5:30pm
- OSP Application Intake @Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School: **October 17, 2023** from 3pm-5pm
- OSP Application Intake @Archbishop Carroll: **October 18, 2023** from 1pm-3pm
- OSP Application Intake @Mary House- **October 18, 2023** from 6pm-7:30pm
- OSP Application Intake @San Miguel School- **October 21, 2023** from 10am-1pm
- Application & Document Submission Deadline for New Applicants: **March 29, 2024**
- Application Deadline for Returning Applicants: **April 5, 2024**
- SY 24-25 OSP Application Closes: **April 6, 2024**
- Document Submission Deadline for Returning Applicants: **April 12, 2024**



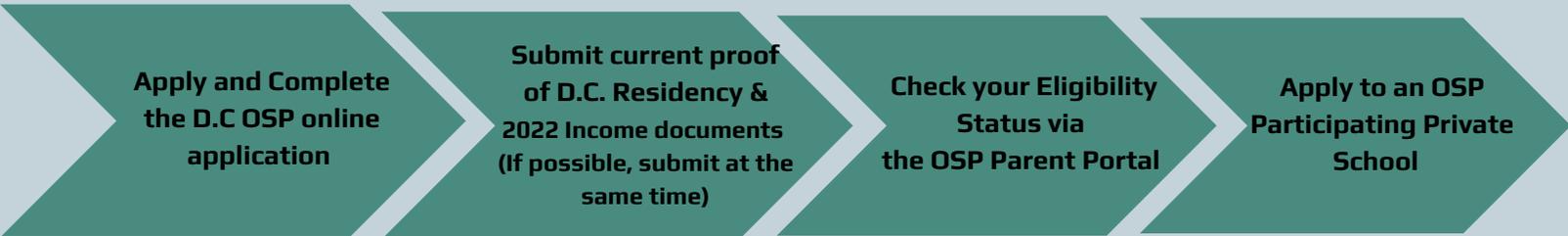
### REMINDERS + IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Schedule an In-person Appt](#): Tues, Wed or Thurs from 11am -3pm
- SNAP Recipients: Retrieve your benefit info via the D.C. Benefits Mobile App
- [All OSP Parent Resources](#)
- [Find a Participating OSP Private School](#)
- Need assistance with the private school application and financial aid application? Contact: Natasha Yeargin at [natasha@servingourfamiliesdc.org](mailto:natasha@servingourfamiliesdc.org) or 1-888-329-6884.

## D.C. OSP Application Highlights

All new applicants and returning students must complete the D.C. OSP Application every year: The application for the 2024-2025 school year is now available online at [www.servingourchildrencdc.org](http://www.servingourchildrencdc.org). Applying for the Opportunity Scholarship and Applying to the Participating Private School are two separate and distinct processes.

- Plan to submit your proof of D.C. residency and income documents at the same time you complete the application
- Refer to the acceptable documents list on the SOC Website at [www.servingourchildrencdc.org](http://www.servingourchildrencdc.org)).
- Be sure to **Sign** your Federal Tax Return.
- Make sure your residency document matches the address submitted on the Application.
- All benefit statements submitted should indicate your name, date of benefits and benefit amount.
- Make sure documents are in JPEG, PNG or PDF format.



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### How to Verify Your SNAP Benefits

D.C. SNAP recipients are welcome to apply to the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program.

If you do not have access to your official SNAP benefit letter, you can use the District Direct Mobile App to view your SNAP benefit information, take a screenshot and upload it to your application (see below).

For more information about SNAP verification requirements, check out the Document Library at [www.servingourchildrencdc.org](http://www.servingourchildrencdc.org).

### Screenshot Your Proof of Benefits with District Direct Mobile App!

1. Download the District Direct Mobile App.
2. Create an account or login using your existing credentials.
3. If you have an active Food or Cash assistance, link it to your District Direct account to view your information.
4. Screenshot your Active Cases/ Benefits:
  - Your Case Number.
  - Your Full name.
  - Household Members.
  - Recertification Date or Expiration of Benefits Date.
5. Upload the screenshot directly to your parent portal or email us the image to [info@servingourchildrencdc.org](mailto:info@servingourchildrencdc.org)