

## **Abstract**

### **Application for Grants under the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program**

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**Project:** Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP)

DC School Reform Now (DCSRN) provides public school application support for families who live in underserved DC communities and seeks to provide similar support by taking over administration of the OSP. The success of DCSRN's High Quality Schools Campaign (HQSC), which helps families navigate the DC public school choice application process, uniquely qualifies DCSRN to facilitate the OSP. Moreover, there is already demand for the OSP from current HQSC families, making the OSP a natural fit for DCSRN. DCSRN's goal is to administer the OSP in compliance with federal regulations. Upon assuming the administrative role of the OSP, DCSRN will evaluate the current practices of the OSP to assess effective aspects of the program and identify areas for improvement. In conjunction with current OSP and HQSC partners, DCSRN will recruit the highest number of eligible and interested families possible. DCSRN is most qualified to administer the OSP because of: access to large numbers of families in underserved DC communities; the ability to influence those families to participate in school application processes; experience tracking those families in a comprehensive database; and successfully managing application activities of those families. DCSRN's expected outcome is that every eligible family interested in sending their child to a tuition-based school competes in the OSP lottery and/or renews their OSP status.