

## **Take the Shot, Youth DC Giveaway Program Rules**

### Official Rules for District of Columbia Students (ages 12-17)

#### **Overview of the Giveaway**

Under the direction of Mayor Bowser, through the \*Take the Shot, Youth DC Giveaway\* (“Giveaway”), the District of Columbia (“District”) will randomly select students in the District to win prizes, including scholarships and electronics.

Beginning Monday, August 30, 2021, and ending September 30, 2021, or another end date that the District may announce, the District is offering eligible District students between 12 and 17 years of age the opportunity to win prizes in the Giveaway.

The District will award prizes in four batches during the Giveaway. A student may only win once.

*A student is eligible to become a Potential Winner if the student received at least one of the two required COVID-19 vaccination shots before the cutoff date for the “batch” (see below for batch dates) to which the student is assigned. The student may only become an Official Giveaway Winner and collect a prize when the student provides proof of a second vaccination shot.*

#### **Eligibility and Proof of Eligibility**

A student is eligible to accept a prize if all the following requirements are met:

1. The student is between 12 and 17 years of age as of August 7, 2021, and the student’s parent/legal guardian consents to the student’s participation.
2. The student is enrolled in a public, public charter, private, parochial, or independent school in the District of Columbia, including a student who is enrolled at a District public or public charter Local Education Agency but who attends a nonpublic placement outside of the District.
3. A parent/legal guardian of the student is a resident of the District of Columbia, per 5A DCMR 5001.5. This includes a District resident experiencing homelessness and a student in the care or custody of D.C. Child and Family Services Agency.
4. Neither the student nor any of the student’s parent(s)/legal guardian(s) is: an employee or officer of DC Lottery, the DC Department of Health’s immunization program or emergency response team, or an Excepted or Executive Service member of the District government; an officer, official, contractor or employee of any District agency who assisted in creating this Giveaway or carrying out any of the drawings; or the child, spouse, domestic partner, child-in-law, or parent-in-law of such an ineligible employee, contractor or officer who is living as a member of that employee’s, contractor’s or officer’s household.
5. Before the cutoff date of the batch of students of which the student is assigned, the student received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine; and by October 29, 2021, the student has received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

All Potential Winners' information and eligibility, including their school enrollment and residency, will be reviewed and validated by District officials prior to the District declaring a student as an official Giveaway winner. Proof of the first and second dosages of a COVID-19 vaccine shall be made by furnishing District officials a CDC Vaccination Card or other requested documentation, which District officials may confirm by accessing and verifying the student's vaccination records for the sole purpose of determining the student's eligibility to win and collect a prize in the Giveaway.

Verification of all eligibility information must be presented to claim any prize.

### **Giveaway Prizes**

- \$25,000 scholarship through establishment of a new 529 DC College Savings Plan account – Quantity: 8 (2 winners per week)
- iPad 8<sup>th</sup> Generation (10.2 Retina Display 32GB with Wi-Fi capabilities) and Beats EP On Ear headphones – Quantity: 32 (8 winners per week)

### **Random Drawing to Select Winners and Notification of Winners**

Four batches of Potential Winners and alternate Potential Winners will be randomly selected from among students who attend a school in the District. Each student selected will be assigned to one of four batches of Potential Winners and alternate Potential Winners. The probability of winning any prize depends on the cumulative number of eligible students. Each batch of students will be assigned a cutoff date as follows:

Batch 1 – Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

Batch 2 – Friday, September 10, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

Batch 3 – Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

Batch 4 – Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

For each weekly batch of students, the District will notify the Potential Winner by email, phone, or text. District officials will request the Potential Winner and their parent or legal guardian to complete a written Take the Shot, DC Giveaway Eligibility Authorization and Consent and Release Form ("Authorization Form") and return it as instructed. The Potential Winner and their parent or legal guardian must complete the Authorization Form in its entirety, sign it, and return it and any materials requested to the District within ten days of the District's initial attempt to contact them. The information on the form will be used to confirm the Potential Winner's eligibility, and obtain various consents, including to publish their identity.

*If the District makes one or more reasonable attempts to contact a Potential Winner by email, telephone, or text and the Potential Winner fails to respond within 48 hours for a scholarship or within 24 hours for an iPad, the District may move on to award that prize to an alternate Potential Winner.*

When the District government receives the Potential Winner's completed Authorization Form within the time specified, determines that the Potential Winner meets the eligibility requirements, and obtains further verification that the Potential Winner has completed the vaccination process by receiving a second vaccination dose, the District government will certify the student as an Official Giveaway Winner.

The District will notify an Official Giveaway Winner using information available on the Authorization Form, which may include by phone, text, email, U.S. Mail, or in-person contact. The District is not required to use any specific method to notify a Potential Winner or an Official Giveaway Winner.

The promptness and degree of reasonableness of efforts to obtain an Authorization Form from a Potential Winner, or of any decision to deem a Potential Winner ineligible based upon these rules or their failure to obtain a second vaccination shall be at the sole discretion of the District.

Subject to verification of eligibility and compliance with these Official Rules, the Potential Winners drawn and verified will be declared the Official Giveaway Winners of the Take the Shot, DC Giveaway.

In the event that a student's selection is deemed invalid or a discrepancy is found, or a Potential Winner or Official Giveaway Winner does not wish to receive a prize, refuses or fails to provide verification information, does not receive permission from their parent or legal guardian to accept the prize, or does not promptly respond to the initial contact by District officials, that winner may be deemed ineligible and an alternate may be designated as the Potential Winner. If it is determined that an alternate will be used, the winner that was deemed invalid will forfeit any prizes associated with the Giveaway. In the event of an Official Giveaway Winner's death or inability to claim the prize, the District will make a determination about the awarding of the prize. The District's decision will be final.

Alternate winners will be used in the order in which they were selected (i.e., alternate one will be the first potential winner for a prize, alternate two second and so on) as vacated spots become available.

### **Claiming Prizes**

Potential Winners will be advised, at the time of the District's notification, of claiming procedures and deadlines. Official Giveaway Winners will receive the prize only upon completion of their second dose by October 29, 2021.

Official Giveaway Winners must claim their prize by the deadline date and follow the instructions of District officials, and if applicable, the District's 529 Plan Administrator. If an Official Giveaway Winner is unable to come in person to verify or redeem the prize because they are physically unable to travel, the District may, but is not required to, attempt to meet the person to obtain verification or redeem the prize in person at a mutually convenient time and place.

Official Giveaway Winners and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will sign any forms, releases of liability, and affidavits of eligibility required. Official Giveaway Winners and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) understand that by winning and accepting a prize, they must agree to reveal the medical information that the Official Giveaway Winner has been vaccinated, and the information required to confirm the person is a student in the District of Columbia.

Acceptance of a prize constitutes express permission by the Official Giveaway Winner and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) for the District and its agencies to use the Official Giveaway Winner's name worldwide, in perpetuity, for purposes of promoting vaccination and public health without further compensation, notification or permission unless prohibited by law, in any and all media now known or hereafter devised.

By accepting a prize, each Official Giveaway Winner and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) agree to hold the District, including its Mayor, any of its employees, commissioners, owners, directors, officers,

affiliates, subsidiaries, contractors, assignees and agents, absolutely harmless against any and all claims or liability arising out of the ownership or use of the prize.

Each Official Giveaway Winner and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) assumes all liability for any injury or damage caused, or claimed to be caused, by participation in the Giveaway or use or redemption of any Giveaway prize. The District makes no warranty, guarantee or representation of any kind concerning any prize (or any portion thereof) and disclaim any implied warranty. By participating in the Giveaway, all students and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) agree to be bound by these Official Rules.

All materials submitted become the property of the District and will not be returned. Some prizes may not be transferable to any other person and will be designated as such prior to acceptance of the prize.

All federal and local laws, applicable taxes, and regulations apply. The Official Giveaway Winner and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are responsible for all taxes, including income taxes, for any prize won.

### **Publication of Results**

The Official Giveaway Winners who claim their prizes will be posted on the [coronavirus.dc.gov/incentives](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/incentives) website in the following format:

- Prize
- Vaccination Cutoff Date
- Winner Name and Ward of Residence

### **General Rules**

All prize details shall be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the District. Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements defined in these official rules are not eligible to win. The student, parent(s)/legal guardian(s), and any potential beneficiary may not assert any right or remedy on account of any disqualification, or other action. The District will determine if an Official Giveaway Winner is allowed to receive a prize.

All Giveaway dates (batch cutoffs, deadlines, prize acceptances) are subject to change or modification as determined by the District government. The District reserves the right to reschedule any times and dates regarding any aspect of the Giveaway without advance notice. The District reserves the right to void the drawing or any portion thereof without advance notice and to conduct a new drawing or partial drawing if the District, in its sole discretion, determines it is necessary to maintain the integrity of the drawing or for any other operational reasons.

### **Interference**

Any attempt by a user, participant or any other individual to undermine the legitimate operation of the Giveaway is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, the District reserves the right to seek the prosecution of and/or damages from any such person or persons as permitted by law. Furthermore, such person may be excluded from the Giveaway.

### **Limitations of Liability**

Official Giveaway Winners and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) agree and acknowledge that they are aware of the following facts: any prize, and each portion of a prize, involves certain inherent risks,

dangers and hazards that can result in injury to property and/or persons, and serious personal injury, illness, or death. Official Giveaway Winners and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) freely agree to assume and accept all known and unknown risks of injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, illness, death, and property damage) arising out of any prize.

Neither the District, nor the Mayor or any of the District's employees, commissioners, directors, officers, affiliates, subsidiaries, contractors, assignees and agents are responsible for late, or incomplete or misdirected entries, or responsible for incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by the website, or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in this Giveaway. No one has a claim for "loss of a chance" due to any errors that caused their entry to not be included in the pool of eligible entrants.

Neither the District, the Mayor or any of the District's employees, commissioners, directors, officers, affiliates, subsidiaries, contractors, assignees and agents are responsible for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communication failure, regardless of cause, with regard to any equipment, systems, networks, lines, satellites, servers, computers or providers utilized in any aspect of the operation of the Giveaway, which may include without limitation, inaccessibility or unavailability of the internet, the website or any combination thereof; theft or destruction or unauthorized access of the website; any injury or damage to the participants or to any other person's computer(s) or smartphone related to or resulting from participating in this Giveaway, or downloading materials from or use of the website.

For students who win a college scholarship, the funds must be used to attend an Eligible Postsecondary School under IRS Rules for 529 plans, and the funds may not be used for primary or secondary school purposes. The scholarship may be converted to an ABLE account (Achieving a Better Life Experience) if the student is eligible. If a student is admitted to a military academy that has no tuition, the student may withdraw the funds from the scholarship account without penalty. Use of the funds for non-postsecondary school purposes may result in legal action, forfeiture of the funds, and taxes or penalties. Students and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) students understand that this scholarship may affect other financial aid they receive.

The Take the Shot, Youth DC Giveaway Official Rules are available for review and may be amended or revised at any time at the sole discretion of the District. The drawings will be observed by District personnel. If any discrepancy exists between these Rules and other material describing the Giveaway or anything related thereto, the Official Rules shall prevail.

These Take the Shot, Youth DC Giveaway Official Rules are available on [coronavirus.dc.gov/incentives](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/incentives).

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available. Call the National Council on Problem Gambling Helpline 24/7 at 1.800.522.4700.