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# **Update from the California Student Aid Commission**

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2016-17 Middle Class Scholarship Processing Update

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides the latest information on the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) processing cycles for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) campuses.

The Commission is providing the following updates on the processing availability. Please expect the following services:

#### Academic Year 2016-17

- Payment and Correction file uploads will be available starting Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Files uploaded by 5pm today, Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, will be processed for the first 2016-17 disbursement to campuses on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall/Winter/Spring Terms will be opened for payments and corrections.

### **2016-17 Payment and Correction Enhancements**

- Beginning with the 2016-17 academic year, the total number of years of eligibility for the MCS Program awards pursuant to CEC 70022.5 (a) will be based on the student's educational level (EL) as designated on the UC and CSU enrollment files.
- MCS eligibility will commence with the 2016-17 academic year and will be based on the EL provided in the enrollment files.
- The Payment and correction file for 2016-17 has been updated to support the use and tracking of the EL and eligibility percentages.

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