



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Middle Class Scholarship Update**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides updates about the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) Program. As announced in [GOM 2021-18](#), the initial 2021-22 MCS awards were processed on July 23, 2021, for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) campuses.

Academic Year 2021-22

- 30,857 students have been awarded MCS for 2021-22.
- To avoid awarding beyond the 2021-22 budget allocation of \$117 million, a joint decision between the Commission and MCS Workgroup was made to award using the maximum percent of Tuition/Fees at 35%, instead the standard 40%. If there is excess funding available in the spring of 2022, the Commission will increase MCS awards accordingly.
- 2021-22 MCS program income and asset ceiling is \$191,000 per the California State Budget.
- Roster files are now available for download and campuses may continue to submit enrollment files.
- The payment/correction file upload process will become available on July 27, 2021. Processing of the files will start on July 30, 2021.
- The initial run of the mid-week payment/correction job will start on August 3, 2021.

Academic Year 2020-21

- The following functionality is still available in WebGrants:
 - Payment and correction file uploads
 - Roster screen (manual transactions)
- The 2020-21 MCS final budget allocation was set at \$117 million per the California State Budget.
- The Commission has disbursed \$116,999,427 in MCS funds to date and any MCS claim schedules in excess of the budget allocation will continue to be on

hold pending the receipt of funds per the year-end reconciliation invoice and payment process.

- Campuses impacted by these payment holds are notified on a weekly basis.

2020-21 Reconciliation Process

- As announced in [GSA 2021-22](#), the final year-end reconciliation deadline for the 2020-21 MCS program is September 16, 2021.
- Institutions are reminded of the importance to continuously check for students in a recertify status as part of their reconciliation process.
- Institutions can identify students that are in a recertify status by checking the 'Recertify only' box on the 'MCS Display Roster' screen.

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