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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2024-25 Middle Class Scholarship Updates and New Webpage**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on upcoming changes for the 2024-25 Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) program for the University of California, the California State University, and California Community Colleges with a Baccalaureate Program.

### 2024-25 MCS Phase-in Factor and Student Contribution Amount

The Commission is proposing a **24%** initial phase-in factor. The initial phase-in factor is an estimate and subject to change based on the following:

- Actual enrollment data received by campuses during initial enrollment submission in July and August.
- Final MCS appropriation in the approved 2024-25 state budget.

This initial phase-in factor will allow campuses to estimate MCS awards for their students with the understanding that it may be adjusted prior to processing initial 2024-25 MCS awards in July/August.

The student contribution amount for 2024-25 will be **\$8,154**.

### 2024-25 MCS Award Calculation

Per [California Educational Code Section 70022 \(a\)\(2\)\(D\)](#), 2024-25 MCS awards will be based on the difference between the student's cost of attendance and the sum of the following amounts:

1. Other federal, state, institutionally administered scholarships, grants, and fee waivers awarded to the student;
  - a. as well as any private scholarships and **institutionally administered non-need-based scholarships** and institutionally awarded emergency housing funds or other basic needs emergency assistance awarded to the student, including emergency assistance awarded by an institution-based foster youth support program, that are in excess of the sum of items 2 and 3.

2. **\$8,154** dollars reflecting an expected student contribution toward cost of attendance from work earnings or other resources.
3. 33% of the parents' contribution for dependent students with an annual household income exceeding \$100,000.

### **2024-25 Enrollment and Payment Roster File Layouts**

The Commission is working on the initial drafts of the Enrollment and Payment-Roster File Layouts to reflect the changes from the 2024-25 ISIR and Cal-ISIR, as well as Cal Grant reporting.

### **New MCS Webpage**

The Commission has released a new Middle Class Scholarship webpage. The URL is <https://www.csac.ca.gov/colleges/mcs>. The new webpage can be found under the College Staff section for Schools & Counselors and includes the following resources:

- MCS Handbook
- Reference Documents
- Income and Asset Ceilings
- File Layouts
- Training Information

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