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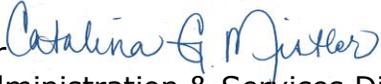
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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Middle Class Scholarship 2016-17 Award Cycle**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) award notifications beginning Friday, August 5, 2016 for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) campuses.

Per the mandated changes made to Education Code 72022.5 and commencing with the 2016-17 academic year, the Commission will:

- Implement a four year eligibility cap for undergraduate students. This eligibility cap process will be similar to the Cal Grant program, which allows an extra year of eligibility to fifth year students or Teacher Credential Program students, in an approved program.
- Use the educational level in the enrollment files provided by the campuses to establish a student's total eligibility.
- Recommend that you review the MCS Admission Enrollment File layout for guidance. MCS screens in WebGrants have been updated to reflect eligibility level changes.

As a reminder, the recently approved California State Budget makes changes to the 2016-17 MCS program by implementing a \$156,000 income and asset ceiling.

Academic Year 2016-17

- MCS awards were processed on August 5, 2016 using the initial enrollment files uploaded in July 2016.
- On Monday, August 8, 2016, roster files will be available for **download only**.
- Award and roster screens will be available in read-only mode.
- Starting Wednesday, August 10, 2016, enrollment files may be available for upload.
- Payment and correction files **will not** be available until late September 2016.

Academic Year 2015-16

- The following functionality is still available in WebGrants:
 - Payments and correction file uploads
 - Roster screen (manual transactions)
 - Year-end reconciliation date is September 9, 2016

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