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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2016-17 California State Budget Update**

Governor Jerry Brown signed the Budget Act for 2016-17 on June 27, 2016. The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the following updates related to the 2016-17 State Budget and the Commission programs:

Maintains:

- **25,750** Competitive Cal Grant awards.
- Maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at non-profit and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accredited for-profit institutions at **\$9,084**.
- Maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at for-profit non-WASC accredited institutions at **\$4,000**.
- CSU mandatory systemwide tuition and fees at **\$5,472**.
- The overall budget for the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) and Cash for College Program.

Increases:

- The Cal Grant B access award to **\$1,670** through the College Access Tax Credit Fund.
- Maximum annual household income for the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) Program to **\$156,000**
- Maximum annual household asset amount for the MCS Program to **\$156,000**.
- UC mandatory systemwide tuition and fees from \$12,240 to **\$12,294**.
- Funding for Chafee Grant Program awards provided to eligible youth in foster care by an additional \$3 million.

Decreases:

- Funds for the MCS Program by \$42 million and each year thereafter.

Grant Delivery System

- Allocates \$2 million for security upgrades to the Commission's existing Grant Delivery System.
- Provides a one-time funding increase of \$396,000 for the Commission to continue planning for a new Grant Delivery System.

The Commission has updated the rosters to reflect the new UC tuition and fees and Cal Grant B Access awards. Any students whose awards change from their initial award offers will be informed.

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