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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: UC and CSU Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Middle Class Scholarship Update**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) program.

2021-22 MCS Awards

- As communicated in [GOM 2021-21](#), 2021-22 MCS awards were made using a 35 maximum percent of Tuition/Fees instead of the standard 40 percent to avoid exceeding the maximum budget allocation of \$117 million.
- The Commission has identified remaining funding available and will be evaluating award increases for students enrolled and eligible to receive MCS Spring disbursements.
- Additional details will be communicated once a timeline is defined and award increases are confirmed.

2022-23 MCS Awards

- The 2021-22 state budget introduced significant changes to the [MCS program](#) starting with the 2022-23 academic year. The Governor's 2022-23 State Budget proposal introduced on January 10, 2022, included an ongoing \$515 million appropriation in the General Fund to support the new MCS program. The final MCS funding amount will be determined when the 2022-23 State Budget is approved sometime in June 2022.
- With the new program updates, MCS awards will be determined based on the **difference between the student's cost of attendance and the sum of the following amounts:**
 - Other federal, state, institutional scholarships, grants, fee waivers, and private scholarships awarded to the student.
 - Seven thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$7,898), reflecting an expected student contribution toward cost of attendance from work earnings or other resources. This is a standard amount applied to all students and reflected in the new MCS award calculation.

- Dependent students with an annual household income exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), 33 percent of the parents' contribution from adjusted available income (abbreviated as **AAI** on federal/CalISIR file), as determined using the federal Title IV methodology.

We are currently working with UC and CSU segment representatives to define operational changes and timeline for the implementation of new MCS program. Additional information will be communicated as it becomes available.

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