



**Middle Class Scholarship**  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**QUESTION: What is the Middle Class Scholarship?**

**ANSWER:** The MCS program is designed for families with incomes and assets (each) up to \$201,000. The MCS award amounts are based on a sliding scale according to family income, other types of resources you may receive, and your enrollment status. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements visit the California Student Aid Commission's site about the [Middle Class Scholarship](#).

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**QUESTION: When will I know if I am eligible?**

**ANSWER:** Before adding the MCS to your aid package, we are required to complete an additional review of your eligibility. Due to the redesign of MCS 2.0 by CSAC effective Fall 2022, programming changes are required, and we anticipate completing our review and having all eligible MCS awards added by **late-January 2023** – if eligible, you will receive a *Revised Financial Aid* email. Your aid package is always available to view on your CSUF Portal, Student Homepage.

- **If you are eligible to receive MCS** for the 2022-23 aid year, the funds will first be applied to any outstanding charges on your account for Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 in late January. If your MCS is greater than your outstanding charges, a refund will be issued directly to you. Be sure to sign up for [Direct Deposit](#) if you have not previously done so. Any remaining refunds will be disbursed in early February 2023.
  - **If you are not eligible for MCS**, you will remain responsible for paying any outstanding charges for the 2022-23 academic year, either out of pocket or through other aid offered to you (e.g., student loans).
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**QUESTION: Why do I need to wait until January 2023 if WebGrants & CSAC shows I am eligible?**

**ANSWER:** Your status with WebGrants & CSAC reflects your **initial, estimated eligibility** – based on information that was available in August 2022. CSAC requires us to complete an additional review as there may have been changes to your situation which could impact your eligibility and the amount you receive. Effective Fall 2022, MCS has been completely redesigned by CSAC and programming changes are required to ensure MCS awards are packaged correctly for students.

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**QUESTION: What about Spring Registration?**

**ANSWER:** We recognize that many students rely on the MCS to cover a portion of their university charges – and the hardship that has been created by CSAC's delay. We have worked with Student Business Services (SBS) and confirmed that:

- Fall 2022 holds are being removed for students that still have a tuition balance, to allow for Spring 2023 registration
- Spring 2023 classes will be protected from getting dropped if you still have a Spring 2023 balance. Note that MCS does not pay the full tuition, arrange to pay the difference by accepting other aid on your account or making payments out of pocket.