

Middle Class Scholarship Info

1. **The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)**

- The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) is a new program beginning in the 2014-15 academic year that provides undergraduate students with **family incomes up to \$150,000** a scholarship to attend University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campuses.
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2. **Apply starting January 1, 2014:**

- **Complete a 2014-15 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** online at www.fafsa.gov or the California Dream Act Application at caldreamact.org
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3. **If your family earns up to \$100,000 per year:**

- You may be eligible for a scholarship of up to 40 percent of the mandatory systemwide tuition and fees: The maximum award amount is a lesser percentage of mandatory systemwide tuition and fees for each academic year beginning in 2014-15 at 14%, 2015-16 (20%), and 2016-17 (30%)
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4. **Students whose families earn between \$100,001 and \$150,000 per year:**

- May be eligible for a reduced scholarship of no less than 10 percent of the mandatory systemwide tuition and fees.
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5. **MCS scholarships are not set amounts and may vary by student and institution:**

- The award is determined after you are awarded any federal Pell Grant, Cal Grant and institutional need-based grants for which you are eligible. The final award amount will be based on the number of students eligible for the MCS statewide and the funding allocated by the State Budget.
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6. **The MCS is being phased in over four years:**

- Each academic year, the maximum amount of the scholarship will increase until 2017-18, when the maximum scholarship award will be up to 40 percent of the mandatory systemwide fees and tuition.
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