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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: **2022-23 Middle Class Scholarship Awards – Updated Timeline**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) communicates updates to the tentative timeline communicated in [GOM 2022-34](#) for the 2022-34 Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) program.

Activity	Tentative timeline	Updated timeline
Initial MCS enrollment file submission	August 1 – 31	No changes
Initial processing of 2022-23 MCS awards (preliminary award notifications on hold)	September 23	No changes
MCS roster files available for download. Online roster in view only mode	September 26	No changes
MCS online roster open for payment/corrections.	October 3	October 5
Processing of payment/correction files begins.	October 5	October 7
MCS preliminary award notifications released to students	September 30	October 7
MCS enrollment file submission reopens.	October 3	October 10
Initial run of mid-week payment/correction job	October 5	October 11

Minimum MCS Awards

Per the second higher education budget trailer bill signed into law this week, minimum MCS awards for students who qualify for a scholarship of at least one dollar, will be set at ninety dollars for full time enrollment. CSAC is anticipating to update MCS awards with less than ninety dollars when new MCS rosters are

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available on Monday, October 10. In the meantime, please do not report any payments for students with less than \$90 until after the award adjustment is complete.

Cost of Attendance Model

As a reminder, 2022-23 MCS awards are based on a student's individual cost of attendance, and as such, students may be eligible for an MCS award in addition to the Cal Grant and other financial aid programs:

MCS awards are calculated based on difference between the student's cost of attendance and the sum of the following amounts:

1. Other federal, state, institutionally administered scholarships, grants, and fee waivers awarded to the student;
(a) as well as any private scholarships awarded to the student that are in excess of the sum of items 2 and 3.
2. \$7,898 dollars reflecting an expected student contribution toward cost of attendance from work earnings or other resources.
3. 33% of the parents' contribution from adjusted available income (abbreviated as AAI on federal/CalSIR file), as determined using the federal Title IV methodology for dependent students with an annual household income greater than \$100,000 dollars.

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