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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **2024-25 California State Budget Update**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces updates related to the 2024-25 State Budget, signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 30, 2024.

Middle Class Scholarship Program

- Sets the appropriation for the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) Program at \$926.2 million for the 2024-25 award year; comprised of \$637.2 million ongoing and \$289 million in one-time funding. See [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 107](#) and [Senate Bill \(SB\) 108](#) for more details.
- Extends the MCS application deadline from May 2, 2024, to July 2, 2024, for the 2024-25 award year. [Senate Bill 155: Section 16](#)

Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program

- Provides an additional \$1.5 million in federal funding through reimbursement authority to the Commission from the California Department of Education. See [Assembly Bill 107](#) and [Senate Bill 153](#) for additional details.
 - Available through June 30, 2026
- Maintains existing appropriation, but adds the following restrictions:
 - Limits total funding to \$50 million for new 2024-25 applicants between September 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, and prioritizes applications by income.
 - Reduces maximum award size to \$10,000 (\$5,000 for relevant online institutions) and service agreement term to two years within four years of credential completion for new 2024-25 applicants between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

The Commission is currently evaluating all required changes for the 2024-25 GSTG awards and will provide additional information in future communications.

Learning Aligned Employment Program - Early Sunseting

[Assembly Bill 107 Item 6980-495](#) sunsets the Learning Aligned Employment

Program with the end of the 2023-24 award year, and reverts remaining program funding.

Maintains:

- The Cal Grant A and B tuition award for CSU mandatory systemwide tuition and fees at **\$6,084** and for UC 2024 Cohort at **\$14,436**.
- The statutory Cal Grant B access award at **\$1,648**.
- The maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients attending private, for-profit institutions that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) at **\$8,056**. The maximum award for new Cal Grant recipients at for-profit non-WASC accredited institutions at **\$4,000**.
- The maximum award for Cal Grant recipients attending private, nonprofit institutions at **\$9,358**.
- The Cal Grant C award for students not attending community colleges at **\$2,462** for Tuition and Fees and **\$547** for Books and Supplies.
- The Cal Grant C Books and Supplies Award for community college students at **\$1,094**.
- Cal Grant access awards for students with dependent children, and for current or former foster youth attending a University of California, California State University, California Community College, or a Private-nonprofit institution at **\$6,000** for qualifying Cal Grant A or B recipients and up to **\$4,000** for eligible Cal Grant C recipients.
- The number of paid Competitive Cal Grant awards at **13,000**. The Commission is authorized to make up to **16,000** Competitive Cal Grant award offers.

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