

CALIFORNIA MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

For Undergraduate Students

New!

Beginning with the 2014 – 2015 Aid Year, the State of California offers **TWO VALUABLE WAYS** to help you fund your Undergraduate education expenses.

Cal Grant

The Cal Grant Program provides free money for college from the State of California. The Program is administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

You must have at least a 2.0 GPA and meet certain income/asset and State Residency eligibility requirements. A Cal Grant is guaranteed if you meet all eligibility requirements.

Middle Class Scholarship

The California State Legislature recently enacted the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS), making college more affordable for California's middle class families.

The MCS benefits families whose incomes are too high to qualify for existing Grant programs, but who still demonstrate financial need.

The MCS will be phased in over the next four years (from 2014-15 through 2017 – 18).

The Middle Class Scholarship as detailed by the 2013-2014 Budget will be phased in over a **four year period**, with scholarships increasing as more money is made available:

14% of total fees will be awarded in 2014-15;

20% of total fees will be awarded in 2015-16;

30% of total fees will be awarded in 2016-17; and

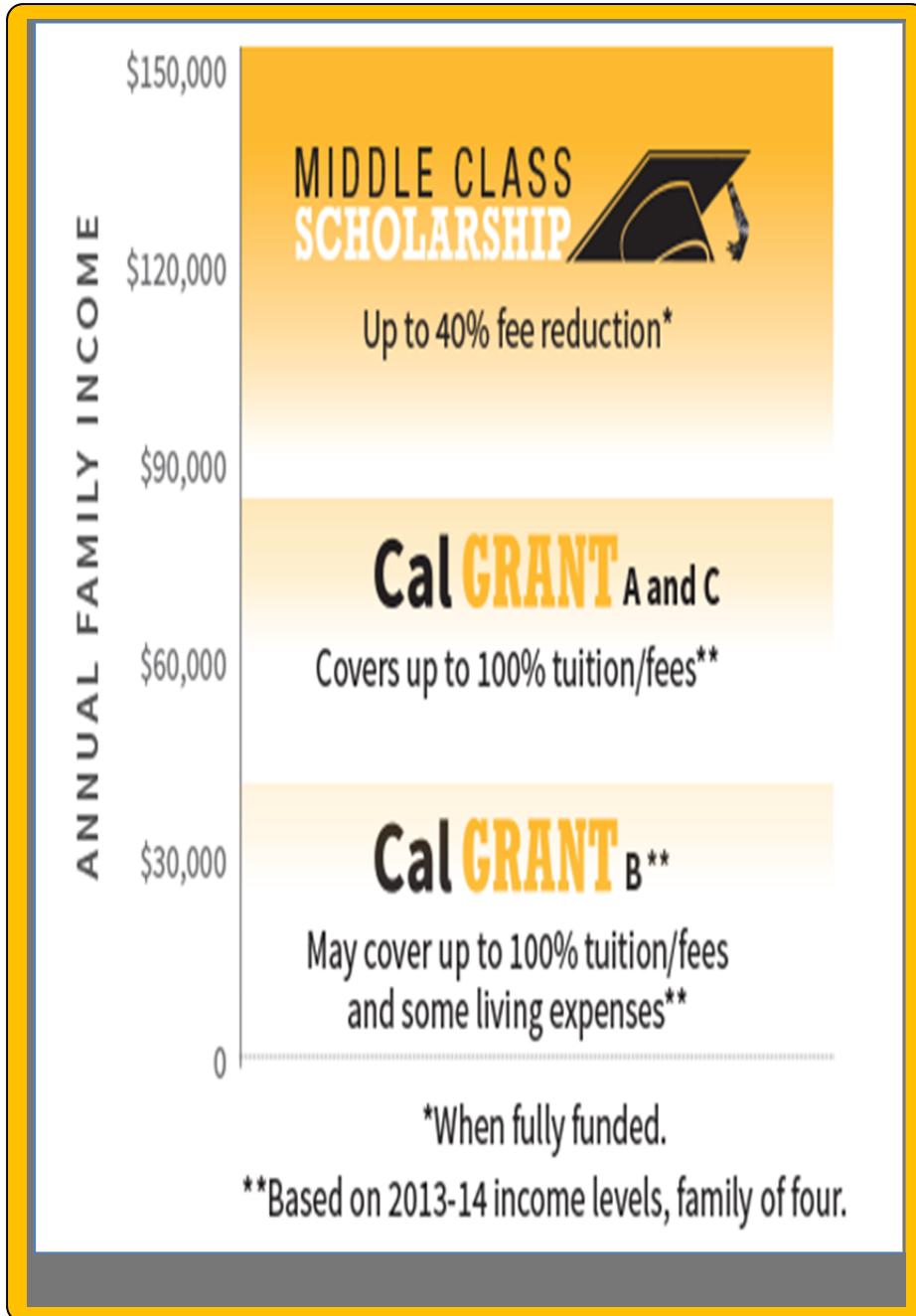
40% of total fees will be awarded in 2017-18 and going forward (full implementation).

For more information on the MCS, visit www.csac.ca.gov

KEY FACTS:

- The MCS begins with the 2014 – 2015 Aid Year
- The MCS is available to California Residents who are undergraduate students at a CSU or UC campus.
- CSU Students who fill out their financial aid application (Either the FAFSA or the CA Dream Application) are automatically awarded the MCS **IF THEY MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS.**
- The MCS primarily benefits students who do not otherwise receive Grant Aid (Cal Grant, Pell Grant, State University Grant).
- The number of students in a family attending the CSU or UC at one time does NOT alter the scholarship award for each student.

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS – GO TO WWW.CSAC.CA.GOV



Middle Class Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who is Eligible for the MCS?**

New, Transfer, and Returning undergraduate students at a CSU with a family income of up to \$150,000 may be eligible for the MCS.

- **What are the Requirements to Receive an MCS?**

To receive an MCS, you must:

- be a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have AB540 status
- be a California resident
- maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Financial Aid
- not be incarcerated
- not be in default on a student loan
- meet certain income & other financial aid standards
- attend a CSU or UC campus.

- **What is the Application Period for the MCS?**

You may begin applying January 1, 2015 for the 2015 – 16 academic year. The **Priority Filing Deadline** at CSUSB is March 2, 2015.

- **Where do I Apply?**

To Apply for the MCS, complete either the FAFSA at (www.fafsa.ed.gov) **OR** the CA Dream Act Application at (www.caldreamact.org) .

➔ Make sure your GPA Verification is on file with the California Student Aid Commission – by March 2, 2015.

- **How Much is the MCS?**

- The MCS is based on a sliding scale according to your family income. Amounts may vary by student and institution. The scholarship amount is limited to no more than 40% of the amount of the CSU system-wide tuition.
- Your award amount is determined after any other state and/or federal grants you might receive.
- The final award amount will be based on the number of students that are eligible AND the amount of funding allocated by the State Budget.

- **Where Can I Get More Information?**

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