

Middle Class Scholarship

The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) provides state funding to eligible undergraduate and credential students. Students may be eligible if their family income is \$184,000 or less AND their family assets are \$184,000 or less. The MCS award is based on the state tuition fee and is awarded in October.

CSU, Chico students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a California resident
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or have AB 540 student status
- Meet income and need based requirements
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units
- Limited to first undergraduate and teaching credential programs
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Not be in default on a student loan
- Must not be incarcerated

Application Process:

Complete a 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>) online or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) (<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>). Use the CADAA application only if you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN) or if you have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). **You must file a FAFSA or CADAA by the March 2 deadline.**

Awards:

- Students whose families have income of up to \$184,000 per year and have assets of \$184,000 or less may be eligible for a Middle Class Scholarship of no less than 10% and no more of than 40% of the student's tuition and fees.
- Middle Class Scholarships are not set amounts and may vary by student eligibility. The award eligibility is determined after you are awarded any federal Pell Grant, Cal Grant, State University Grant, Vocational Rehab, Veterans fee payments, institutional need-based grants, institutional scholarships, and/or fee waivers for which you are eligible. The final award will be based on the number of students eligible for the MCS statewide and the funding allocated by the State Budget.
- If you are selected to receive a MCS, you will be notified by the California Student Aid Commission.

For additional information about this scholarship access the California Student Aid Commission's website (<https://www.csac.ca.gov/middle-class-scholarship>) or contact the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) at 888-224-7268.