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Middle Class Scholarship

The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) provides state funding to eligible undergraduate and credential students. MCS is tied to your enrollment at University Census and is typically awarded mid-semester.

For 2026-27 the income ceilings (limits) are as follows:

- Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a
- Independent students:
 - Single, no dependents: \$144,000
 - Married, no other dependents: \$165,000

For 2026-27 the asset ceilings (limits) are as follows:

- Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than
- Independent students: \$119,000

Chico State 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 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> or complete a California Dream Act Application (CADAA) at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>. Applications will open on October 1, 2025.

Deadline to apply for 2026-27 Middle Class Scholarship: March 2, 2026

Awards:

- MCS amounts are not set amounts and may vary by student. Eligibility is determined after you are awarded any federal grants, state grants, fee waivers, institutional need-based grants and scholarships, or any other aid specified by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).
- If you are selected to receive a MCS you will be notified by CSAC.

For additional information about this scholarship visit CSAC's website at <https://csac.ca.gov/middle-class-scholarship> or contact CSAC at 888-224-7268.