

Overview of Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) Expansion

State Recently Revamped MCS Program

- The state created the MCS program in 2013-14 to provide partial tuition coverage to CSU and UC students who were not eligible for Cal Grants.
- In 2022-23, the state is implementing a revamped MCS program that links awards to total cost of attendance and allows Cal Grant recipients to receive awards.

Comparison of Original and Revamped Middle Class Scholarship Program

	Original Program	Revamped Program
Award Amount	Covers 10 percent to 40 percent of tuition charges, with percentage decreasing as household income goes up.	Covers students' remaining cost of attendance, after accounting for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other gift aid. • Student contribution from part-time work earnings. • Parent contribution for dependent students with household income over \$100,000. Awards are prorated based on program funding level.
Eligibility	Student cannot already be receiving tuition coverage through Cal Grants or other financial aid programs.	Student may be receiving tuition coverage through Cal Grants or other financial aid programs.
Recipients^a	54,992 (2021-22)	272,440 (2022-23)
Spending^a	\$105 million (2021-22)	\$630 million (2022-23)

^a Reflects California Student Aid Commission estimates as of Governor's budget.

Intent Is to Phase in Funding Increases for Revamped Program

- The current funding level covers an estimated 26 percent of each MCS recipient's remaining cost.
- The revamped program currently is estimated to cost a total of \$2.4 billion at full implementation, with the cost likely growing annually as students' cost of attendance rises.

