CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION FOR MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

2026-27 MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP INCOME CEILINGS	
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse	\$250,000
Independent students	
Single, no dependents	\$144,000
Married, no other dependents	\$165,000

2026-27 MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP ASSET CEILINGS		
Dependent students ¹	\$250,000	
Independent students ²	\$119,000	

¹ This ceiling also applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

NOTE: Per California Education Code section 70022, the Middle Class Scholarship program income and asset ceilings are to be adjusted annually using the change in the cost of living within the meaning of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 8 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution:

SEC. 8. (e) (1) "Change in the cost of living" for the State, a school district, or a community college district means the percentage change in California per capita personal income from the preceding year.

² Independent single student with no dependents, or married with no dependents other than a spouse.