

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS  
ROBERT M. ODELL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

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The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) established the Robert M. Odell endowed scholarship fund in April 1987 to honor the former city treasurer of Los Angeles. Preference is given on an alternating basis between northern and southern geographic regions of California to the seventeen campuses offering degree programs in public administration.

Four (4) \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded for the 2032-2024 academic year. Students from the following campuses will be given preference this year, however, all are welcome to apply:

California State University, Bakersfield	California State University, Northridge
California State University, Dominguez Hills	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Fullerton	California State University, San Bernardino
California State University, Long Beach	San Diego State University
California State University, Los Angeles	

Applicants must:

- Be in a degree program in public administration
- Be in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be currently enrolled as a full-time, upper division undergraduate or graduate student in public administration and must remain a full-time student in good standing during the academic year in which the award is received.
- Not be a previous recipient of this award.

Strong consideration will be given to an applicant who is also:

- Public administration major specializing in finance.
- First generation college student.

**Applications are available through the campus Financial Aid Office.**

The Financial Aid Office will review applications to ensure that they meet all stated requirements. The campus may submit one (1) applicant for consideration to the CSU Foundation to make the final selection. Priority will be based on G.P.A.

Completed applications submitted by the campus Financial Aid Office to the CSU Foundation include the following:

Personal Statement (300 word count for each):

1. What experience has impacted your personal growth?
2. Tell us about a time you failed. What did you learn from that experience?
3. Why are you pursuing your major? How does it relate to your career aspirations?
4. Provide an example of service beyond the classroom (i.e., have you taken on significant family obligations, helped others in a specific way, been involved in political action, worked/volunteered/interned at a particular organization, etc.).  
Why is this example significant to you?

The scholarship recipients will be invited by the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers to attend their annual professional conference in 2024. This conference is an opportunity for students to learn about job opportunities in the field of municipal finance. More information to follow.

Financial Aid Departments: Please make sure all applicants meet the scholarship criteria and verified items are completed before the application packet is submitted to the CSU Foundation.