

**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. The scholarships are awarded on an alternating basis between northern and southern geographic regions of California to the seventeen campuses offering degree programs in public administration.

Four (4) scholarships for the amount of \$2,000 each will be awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year. Students from the following campuses are eligible this year:

California State University, Chico	San Francisco State University
California State University, East Bay	San José State University
California State University, Fresno	Sonoma State University
California State University, Sacramento	California State University, Stanislaus

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:

- Scholarship Applicant Information form
- An official or unofficial Transcript
- A brief Personal Statement describing their background, personal achievements, challenges they have encountered, educational pursuits and aspirations for the future
- A completed Application Checklist

The scholarship recipients will be invited by the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers to attend their annual professional conference in Anaheim, California from January 28-31 2020. This conference is an opportunity for students to learn about job opportunities in the field of municipal finance.

Contact the Financial Aid Department for the [Spring Application Deadline](#)

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

(Please make sure that all items are completed and verified before the application packet is submitted to the CSU Foundation.)

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Application Item	Completed	Verified by (Initial) <i>Where indicated, either Financial Aid or the Scholarship Coordinator can verify completion</i>	
Applicant Information Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator	_____ _____
An official or unofficial Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator	_____ _____
Personal Statement (see Fact Sheet for details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator	_____ _____

**Each application and checklist must be attached as one PDF and e-mailed to the campus Financial Aid Department.**

Please do not send physical files.

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