

**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.

### **Application Process**

- Applicants must first complete the Fresno State general scholarship application at:  
<http://www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/financialaid/scholarships/scholarshipapplication/index.html>
- After the general scholarship application is submitted, applicants must search for the *CSU California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Robert O'Dell Scholarship* opportunity under the "Opportunities" tab.
- Download the PDF application and read all the requirements for the scholarship.
- Completed applications for the *CSU California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Robert O'Dell Scholarship* must be uploaded back to this site.

All required documents must be scanned and uploaded as one file before the deadline. The uploaded file must be formatted as a PDF (not a JPEG, TIFF, or ZIP file of compressed documents) and the file size cannot be larger than 10MB. Please retain all submitted paperwork for this scholarship. If nominated, the original documentation may be requested for the selection committee to review.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will review applications to ensure the applicants 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.

Application form needs to be completely filled out. Do not leave any line blank. If there is no information to provide, write "N/A". *Each item* submitted with the application packet (i.e., "Academic Profile," "Personal Statement," "Biography," etc.) should be clearly labeled.

All applicants must upload the following documentation **as one file** before the deadline:

- 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. This conference is an opportunity for students to learn about job opportunities in the field of municipal finance.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020**

**Please direct all questions to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.  
(559) 278-2182**

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

(Please make sure that all items are completed before submitting your application.)

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<b>Application Item</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Applicant Information Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
An official or unofficial Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Statement (see scholarship announcement for details)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

(Please type or print carefully in capital letters)

SCHOLARSHIP TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address:  Current  Permanent

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

CSU Campus currently enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of class units you anticipate taking in academic year:

*first quarter/semester:* \_\_\_\_\_ *second quarter/semester:* \_\_\_\_\_ *third quarter:* \_\_\_\_\_ *summer session:* \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ STEM Major?  Yes  No

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Student GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Student GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

US Military Veteran:  Yes  No  Currently Serving

Are you receiving any private scholarships?  Yes  No

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**ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP TERMS**

By submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate. I understand that scholarships may be denied or withdrawn if any information reported on this application is found to be intentionally misleading or inaccurate. I understand that I must meet all award requirements at the time funds are distributed to me. I authorize the CSU to share my application with reviewers to complete the selection process. In the event that I am selected, I further authorize the CSU to publicize my selection and conduct research related to my future employment. I agree to adhere to all scholarship terms and guidelines as set forth by the California State University Foundation in the 2018- 2019 scholarship criterion which includes the requirement that I remain a student in good standing during the entire academic year.

I further agree to repay any scholarship funds as requested by the California State University Foundation on behalf of the scholarship fund donor in the event that I am unable to fulfill my academic commitment for any reason and to notify the Foundation in writing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*