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 $1,950 each will be awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year. Students from the following campuses are eligible this year:

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

- Applicants must be in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must 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.
- Applicants must not be a previous recipient of this award.

Strong consideration will be given to an applicant who is also:
- A public administration major specializing in finance.
- A first generation college student.

Submit the following application materials to the Financial Aid Office located in Welch Hall room B-250:

- Scholarship Applicant Information form available [here](#) or visit the Financial Aid Office to pick one up
- An official or unofficial Transcript
- A brief Personal Statement describing your background, personal achievements, challenges you have encountered, educational pursuits and aspirations for the future
- Thank you letter to the President of the CSMFO. The student should include information about his/her academic progress and future plans

The scholarship recipients will be invited by the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers to attend their annual professional conference in Anaheim (Southern California) in February.

**APPLICATION DUE DATE:**
**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015**