

THE WES McCLURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Three (3) \$2,500 scholarships available for graduate students attending a California public or private university who are interested in pursuing a career in local government.

CCMF is offering **three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$2,500** to graduate students interested in pursuing (or already working in) a career in local government. Eligibility includes those currently in graduate school or who have been accepted into a graduate program for Fall Semester 2025. The award is named in honor of Wes McClure, who served as city manager of San Leandro, California for 28 years.

The scholarships will be limited to direct college expenses, such as tuition and books and may be paid to the recipient directly or to the educational institution, at CCMF's sole discretion. The awards are not limited to a specific area of academic study. They will be awarded to those who best demonstrate an interest in a local government career and fulfill the application requirements.

Applications must be submitted **by 5:00 p.m. PST on Friday, May 1, 2026** and include all the elements listed below in order to be considered for a scholarship:

1. **A cover letter** indicating the educational institution you are attending (or will be attending), the number of educational credits attained to date (if any), current GPA, degrees awarded (if any), colleges and universities attended (if any), and your contact information (including email address).
2. **A short essay** (under 750 words) explaining why you are interested in a career in local government, the type of local government work you would like to pursue upon graduation, and any educational/work/volunteer experience you have undertaken in pursuit of this type of career.
3. **Two (2) reference letters** from those who can speak to your interest in pursuing a career in local government.

All submission materials should be sent electronically to:

CCMF Executive Director Ken Pulskamp

Scholarship@CACityManagers.org

Subject Line: "2026 Wes McClure Scholarship Application"

