

**WILSON C. RILES  
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

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Working his way through public instruction, Wilson C. Riles began his career in 1940 as a teacher and administrator in Arizona public schools and later became the first elected African American state superintendent of schools in the United States.

The scholarship program was established in 2003 to recognize Superintendent Riles' deep commitment to education through support of students enrolled in California State University teacher credential programs, with preference given to first generation college students. The scholarships rotate alphabetically among all campuses with teacher credentialing programs.

Three (3) \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded for the 2021-2022 academic year. Applicants must:

- Recipients must be currently enrolled in the teacher credential program at:

California State University, San Bernardino  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco State University  
San José State University

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
California State University San Marcos  
Sonoma State University  
California State University, Stanislaus

- The minimum enrollment requirement is 6.0 units.
- The minimum grade point average is 3.0.

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

Each eligible campus may select **one** recipient based on the recommendation of teaching credential program faculty. Once a decision has been reached, the Financial Aid Office sends a letter of notification to the CSU Foundation, along with the documents described below.

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

- Scholarship Applicant Information form
- A brief Academic Profile or Unofficial Transcript of the student recipient
- A brief Personal Statement describing the students' background, personal achievements, challenges they have encountered, educational pursuits and aspirations for the future
- A Thank You Letter-Prior to fund distribution, selected recipients are required to send a thank you letter addressed to Mr. Philip G. Riles (son of Superintendent Riles).
- A completed Application Checklist

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