



SACRAMENTO REGION  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# The Philip M. Dowd Memorial Scholarship

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*The Philip M. Dowd Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance for college bound students who have endured hardship and/or overcome obstacles to achieve their goals. This award is based on Philip M. Dowd's belief that a college education is one of the best tools for those who wish to get ahead in life and his commitment to giving back to the community.*

## **Purpose and Amount**

The scholarship amount will vary, but will be at least \$2,000.00. Award recipients may use funds to pay for tuition and institutional fees. In order to receive funds, a recipient must submit evidence of full-time enrollment at an accredited educational institution.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior from a high school in Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Shasta, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, or Butte Counties
- Be pursuing a degree in Public Affairs/ Administration or Political Science & Government
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Plan to attend an accredited two or four year college
- Demonstrate financial need

Evaluation criteria are weighted as follows: financial need 30%, essay 30%, potential and merit 20%, extracurricular activities 10%, reference letters 10%

## **Selection**

The selection committee will review applications from all eligible candidates. Scholarship recipients will be selected based upon how well they meet the scholarship criteria.

## **Award**

The scholarship will be issued over the course of one academic year. Continuous, full-time enrollment (no fewer than 12 units per quarter/semester) is a requirement. The Sacramento Region Community Foundation will disburse the award directly to the university on behalf of the recipient.

## **How to Apply**

Submit a complete application package by the specified due date. Use the following **application package checklist** to make sure your application package is complete:

- A completed application form
- A self description essay of 500 words or fewer on the following topic:  
Describe your career objectives and how you will use your education to achieve your career goals and give back to your community
- Official transcripts, in a sealed envelope
- A copy of your completed FAFSA
- A list of your extracurricular or community activities (including work experience)
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related to the applicant

Please visit [www.sacregcf.org](http://www.sacregcf.org) to obtain additional information and application materials. For questions, please contact our office at (916) 921-7723 or [scholarships@sacregcf.org](mailto:scholarships@sacregcf.org).

## **Deadline**

The deadline to apply is **April 8, 2011**. Please mail the completed application package to:

Sacramento Region Community Foundation  
740 University Avenue, Suite 110  
Sacramento, CA 95825

**Attn: Philip M. Dowd Memorial Scholarship**

Incomplete applications and those received after the deadline will not be considered.  
**NO EXCEPTIONS**