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 among all 23 campuses on an alphabetical basis.

Three (3) $2,000 scholarships will be awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year.

- Recipients must be currently enrolled in the teacher credential program at
  California State University, Dominguez Hills
  California State University, East Bay
  California State University, Fresno
  California State University, Fullerton
  Humboldt State University
  California State University, Long Beach
- The minimum enrollment requirement is 6.0 units.
- The minimum grade point average is 3.0.

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 to the Office of Financial Aid must include the following:

- Scholarship Applicant Information form
- 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).

Applications are due to the Office of Financial Aid by Friday, April 15, 2016.
CSU SYSTEMWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2016–2017

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

WILSON C. RILES
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

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Please submit the above application items via email to the Campus Scholarship Coordinator, Lisa Lewis at lisa.lewis@csueastbay.edu

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