



Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter

The Carmela Ma Endowment

Information and Application

2027

Deadline for Submission by October 15, 2026

BACKGROUND

The Carmela Ma Endowment Scholarship honors Carmela Ma, CCIM, as a Founder and Past President of the Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter. The scholarship was created in 2008 by the Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter with matching funds provided by the CCIM Foundation. Named endowed scholarships honor those who have shown great dedication, commitment, outstanding achievement, and service to the commercial real estate industry.

ABOUT THE GREATER LOS ANGELES CCIM CHAPTER

The Los Angeles CCIM Chapter is a privately-incorporated Chapter of the CCIM Institute. An affiliate of the National Association of Realtors®, the CCIM Institute has been a recognized global leader in professional education of Commercial Real Estate Professionals for more than 30 years. CCIM's membership includes: brokers, agents, corporate real estate officers, REIT investment executives, pension fund managers, developers, asset managers, investment counselors, appraisers, property managers, mortgage bankers, attorneys, accountants, and others in allied fields.

ABOUT THE CCIM FOUNDATION

The CCIM Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Mission of the CCIM Foundation is to advance and foster commercial real estate education through scholarships, programs, and initiatives.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

\$ 1,500 TOWARDS CCIM CLASSES

The Carmela Ma, CCIM Endowment was created to support qualified real estate professionals in their efforts to achieve the CCIM designation. The recipient's

qualifications should be generally commensurate with the standards, achievements, reputation, and stature of CCIM Institute professionals.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

Includes the following:

- Each applicant shall demonstrate a commitment to their real estate brokerage career (see application).
- Each applicant shall demonstrate active involvement as a member in good standing with the Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter (see application).
- The recipient of this scholarship must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

The recipient will receive a maximum of **\$1,500.00 (“Award”)** to reimburse the cost of one of the following CCIM designation courses: **CI 101, CI 102, CI 103, or CI 104**. Such Award shall be payable upon receipt of evidence of the recipient’s passing course grade. The recipient will be responsible for any costs/fees beyond \$1,500.00, if applicable.

PROCEDURE

Applications are to be submitted directly to the Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter Scholarship Chair, Philip Berson. He may be reached by email at philip.berson@compass.com with a copy to be sent to Djaneleka “DJ” Acog, Executive Administrator, CCIM Greater Los Angeles Chapter, ccimla@ccim.net; PHONE: (562) 276-1845

Deadline for Submission to the Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter:

October 15, 2026

Recipient Notification

Applicants will be notified by email on October 29, 2026, regarding the Award status.

The Scholarship Recipient must attend the Installation Luncheon, at which time the ceremony and award will be presented.

The Carmela Ma Endowment Application

Unless otherwise indicated, answers should not exceed 300 words (approximately a half-page) or less.

Candidate's Name: _____
Company: _____
Work Address: _____
Work Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Home Address: _____
Home Phone Number: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Candidate Member # _____

Course for which you are applying (please circle one):

CI 101 CI 102 CI 103 CI 104

Preferred Course Location and Date: _____

Please complete and return this application to your chapter by October 15, 2026. The following must be submitted in order to be considered for a scholarship:

1. Completed Application, including Candidate Statement
2. Current Resume/CV

Chapter Involvement

Please list your involvement in the Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter (committee assignments, volunteer work, etc.):

Essay Questions

Why did you get into real estate?

In two sentences, give your definition/perception of a successful real estate professional.

What are your long-term career goals?

What achievement (professional or personal) are you most proud of?

Would you be able to take this course without the financial assistance of this scholarship? If not, why?

Candidate Statement

A typed statement of 150-300 words explaining why you want to become a CCIM must accompany this application. By submitting this application, I agree that in the event I am chosen to receive a scholarship, the Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter and the Carmela Ma Endowment may use my name, likeness, and/or profile in printed and electronic promotional materials.

By: _____

Signature

Application Date

Submission

Return completed application to Philip Berson, Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter Scholarship Chair at philip.berson@compass.com and copy Chapter Admin: Djaneleka "DJ" Acog (ccimla@ccim.net) on or before October 15, 2026. Notifications will be sent from the Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter on October 29, 2026.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP [CHAIR, LIAISON, AND COMMITTEE]:

Packet complete: Yes No

Reviewed by: _____

Award: Yes No

Date submitted to Greater Los Angeles CCIM Chapter: _____