



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Columbus chapter will award from our scholarship programs for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year to deserving students who express an interest in pursuing college studies/technical program in a transportation related field. This scholarship seeks to provide educational funding for underrepresented groups (African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific and Subcontinent Asian Americans, and women).

The scholarship award may be used for tuition, books, and/or room and board expenses.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Undergraduate or Graduate Students who are currently enrolled in an accredited college, university, or trade school; High School Students who plan to attend accredited college, university or trade school.

All students must major in the following or related disciplines:

- Aircraft Mechanic
- Archaeology and/or Cultural Resources
- Architecture
- Aviation
- Civil, Chemical, Structural, Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineering
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Computer Science
- Construction
- Construction and/or Construction Management
- Construction Engineering Technology
- Electrical
- Electronics
- Environmental Science and related Studies
- Geology and/or Geotechnical Engineering
- Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Heavy Duty Mechanic
- Hydraulics and Elevator Mechanics
- Information Technology
- Mathematics
- Public Administration
- Public Information and Outreach Programs
- Urban Planning
- Vehicle Design and Maintenance

SCHOLARSHIPAWARDCONDITIONS

COMTO Columbus will award a check for the scholarship amount made payable to the student and sent to the institution to which the student will be attending. Verification of enrollment is completed prior to checks being mailed. Selections are made annually by a team of industry professionals and representatives from the academic community. The COMTO Columbus Scholarship Program supports the mission of COMTO by promoting, strengthening and expanding the roles of minorities in all aspects of transportation.



Deadline and Mailing Information:

All applications must be complete for consideration. Submit only one application, you will be considered for all scholarships for which you qualify. Completed applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 12, 2024. Winners will be notified by Friday, April 26, 2024. Completed applications should be sent to: COMTO Columbus, P.O. Box 663, Columbus, Ohio 43216-0663, Attn: Scholarship Chair or email to comtocolumbusscholarship@gmail.com. Online submittal is also available at www.comtocolumbus.org/scholarship-application. All scholarship applications must be complete for consideration.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS - \$1,000.00 minimum for each scholarship

Rosa L. Parks Scholarship

Graduating high school student of a COMTO Member

- The student's parent must be a member in good standing for at least one (1) year.
- The applicant must be accepted at an accredited college/university/vocational-technical institution.
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

College Student enrolled in a transportation or related discipline

- Undergraduate student with a minimum of 60 semester credit hours or a Master's Degree candidate with a minimum of 15 credits.
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Trail Blazer Scholarship

- Applicant must be an undergraduate student or graduate student enrolled in a minimum of (6) six credit hours and returning to an accredited college/university/vocational-technical institution in the upcoming Fall.
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Columbus Achievement Scholarship

Graduating High School Student

- Accepted accredited University or Technical College
- Overall GPA 3.0
- Area of intended study - Transportation
- Disciplines to include Technology, Engineering, Planning, Management or related
- Active commitment to community service

College Student

- Enrolled in the field of Transportation, Engineering, Planning or related discipline
- Undergraduate student with a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Active commitment to community service



COMTO Columbus Scholarship

- Applicant must be a graduating high school student must be a COMTO member or their parent(s) must be COMTO member(s).
- Applicant must be accepted to an accredited college/university/vocational-technical institution in the upcoming Fall.
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 upon graduation from high school.
- Applicant must express a desire to work in the field of transportation.

Various Named Scholarships

- Applicant must be a graduating high school student.
- Applicant must be accepted to an accredited college/university/vocational-technical institution in the upcoming Fall.
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 upon graduation from high school.
- Applicant must express a desire to work in the field of transportation.

Franklin County Engineer Scholarship

- Applicant must be a graduating high school student.
- Applicant must be accepted to an accredited college/university/vocational-technical institution in the upcoming Fall.
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 upon graduation from high school.
- Applicant must express a desire to work in the field of transportation.

GinGer Cunningham & Associates Women of Achievement Scholarship

Graduating High School Student

- Applicant must be a graduating high school student.
- Applicant must be accepted to an accredited college/university/vocational-technical institution in the upcoming Fall.
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 upon graduation from high school.
- Area of intended study, transportation or related disciplines.

College Student

- Enrolled in the field of Transportation, Engineering, Planning or related discipline
- Undergraduate student with a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours
- Demonstrated leadership skills



Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority Scholarship

Graduating High School Student

- Accepted to an accredited University or Technical College

College Student

- Enrolled in a minimum of (12) twelve credit hours and returning to an accredited college/university in the upcoming Fall.
- Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must express a desire to work in the field of transportation.
- Active commitment to community service

Named Book Scholarships

- Applicant must be enrolled in upcoming Fall to an accredited college/university/vocational-technical institution.
- Applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must express a desire to work in the field of transportation.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Each applicant will be considered for one of the many scholarship programs. Please be clear and complete with your responses to all questions below so our review committee can make the best selections.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Current Address of Applicant: _____

Permanent Address of Applicant: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Are you a COMTO Member in good standing? Yes or No (check one)

Are your parent(s) COMTO members in good standing? Yes or No (check one)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name and Address of High School/College/Vocational - Technical Institution currently enrolled:

Grade in High School _____ Career Tech Program _____
If attending a technical/vocational school

Grade/Year in college _____ Major/Minor _____
Must be completed



Cumulative Grade Point Average for 2024– 2025 School Year: _____ on a 4.0 scale.

Honors & Awards: (Please identify your honors and awards, academic or non-academic on a separate sheet of paper)

Contributions to COMTO: (Please identify your contributions to COMTO on a separate sheet of paper).

Other: (Please list any other information concerning your high school/college/vocational-technical institution experience or civic activities you want the Evaluation Committee to consider):

I agree to provide COMTO Columbus with a copy of my official or unofficial transcript during the one-year period of my scholarship award.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION-REFERENCE

(Please include two (2) with application)

NOTE: Recommendation provided on college/agency letterhead receives additional points; please include recommendation letter with this reference form.

Please ask you major professor, advisor, counselor, or other faculty member to complete this section:

1. Name of applicant (student):

2. I have the following relationship with student: (check as many as apply)

Instructor/Professor

Counselor

(His/her) Dept. Chair

other (Specify) _____

3. I am acquainted with his / her work during the period

from: _____ to: _____
month/year month/year

4. His / Her major is: _____

5. I have had an opportunity to observe the quality of his/her work as (check one below):

Outstanding

Very Good

Good

Fair

Please add any other comments that you consider to be relevant to the evaluation of the applicant as a potential COMTO scholarship recipient. (You are encouraged to attach an additional page on school letterhead.)



Date: _____

Printed name of professor or advisor: _____

Signature of professor or advisor: _____

Institution/Department: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

CONFIDENTIALITY: Please return this information to the applicant (whether sealed or not) so that it may be submitted along with other application materials. If confidentiality is desired, return to student in sealed envelope – or, send directly to COMTO Columbus, P.O. Box 663, Columbus, OH 43216-0663.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECK LIST

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Please fulfill all of the requirements listed in the checklist below and return the completed paperwork, requested items and checklist to the above address.

Signed and completed scholarship application

1. Personal essay introducing yourself, state your transportation-related career goals and aspirations. (500 words or less)
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation
 - a. Guidance Counselor, Advisor or Teacher
 - b. Member of academic community
3. Letter of acceptance from college/vocational-technical institution (high school students only)
4. Transcripts
 - College/Vocational-Technical Institution Students:**
Must submit most recent transcript
 - High School Students:**
Must submit most recent high school transcript
5. High school citizenship to include attendance, awards received, participation, volunteer work performed and outside school involvement.
6. 3x5 headshot photograph (will be used in our luncheon program, if selected)

All applicants must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident and are able to apply for more than one scholarship if the applicant meets the scholarship’s specific requirements. All applicants must live in or attend school in the central Ohio area. Scholarship recipients are expected to be available for the awards ceremony at the designated date and time.

By signing this form, I certify that I am a citizen or legal resident of the United States of America.

Date: _____

Full name (print)

Signature

All scholarship applications must be complete for consideration. Checks will be made out to the student and mailed directly to the college, university or vocational/technical institution.