



The Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Columbus chapter will award from our scholarship programs for the upcoming **2019-2020** academic year to deserving students who express an interest in pursuing college studies in a transportation related field. 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:

- 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
- Diesel Mechanics
- Electrical
- Electronics
- Environmental Science and related Studies
- Geology and/or Geotechnical Engineering
- Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Hydraulics and Elevator Mechanics
- Public Information and Outreach Programs
- Security Systems
- Urban Planning
- Vehicle Design and Maintenance

### Scholarship Award Process

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.

**All scholarship applications must be complete for consideration.** Completed applications should be mailed to:

**COMTO Columbus**  
**Attn: Scholarship Chair**  
**605 North High Street, PMB 295**  
**Columbus, OH 43215**



Please complete the scholarship application check list below and submit it with your application.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

- 1. Signed and completed scholarship application \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Personal essay introducing yourself, state your transportation-related career goals, and aspirations. (500 words or less) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Two (2) letters of recommendation \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Guidance Counselor, Advisor or Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Member of academic community \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Letter of acceptance from college/vocational-technical institution (High School Students only) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Transcripts \_\_\_\_\_
  - College/Vocational-Technical Institution Students:**  
Must submit most recent transcript \_\_\_\_\_
  - High School Students:**  
Must submit most recent report card or high school transcript \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. High School Citizenship to include attendance, awards received, participation, volunteer work performed and outside school involvement. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Checks will be made out to the student and mailed directly to the college, university or vocational/technical institution.



## **Scholarship Descriptions**

### **Rosa L. Parks Scholarship – \$1,000**

*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-\$1,000**

- 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-\$1,000**

*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-\$1,000**

- 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.

### **First Transit Scholarship-\$1,000 (2)**

- 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.

### **Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority Scholarship-\$750**

*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

**Additional Scholarship Descriptions on next page**

COMTO Columbus' vision is to see the diverse faces of America equally reflected in all levels of the transportation industry.



**Named Book Scholarships-\$500 each**

- Capital Transportation Book Scholarship**
- Dynamix Engineering Book Scholarship**
- Franklin County Engineer Book Scholarship**
- New Flyer USA Book Scholarship**
- WSP USA Book Scholarship**

- 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Number to be Reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

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

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

**Academic Information**

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

Grade/Year in college \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Minor \_\_\_\_\_  
Must be completed

Cumulative Grade Point Average for 2018– 2019  
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):

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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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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. Applications must be **postmarked by Friday, March 29, 2019. Winners will be notified by Monday, April 29, 2019.** Completed applications should be sent to: **COMTO Columbus, 605 North High Street, PMB 295, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Attn: Scholarship Chair.**



**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.)*

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Printed name of professor or advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of professor or advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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, 605 North High Street, PMB 295, Columbus, OH 43215.*