



2020 COMTO Future of Transportation Scholarship Program SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – FALL 2020

Overview

The Northern California Chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO NorCal) is a national, multi-ethnic professional organization founded in 1971 to advance the representation of minority professionals in the transportation industry, nurture their career growth through networking and training, and champion equitable transportation development. A cornerstone of COMTO's work is supporting the next generation of transportation professionals.

COMTO's annual Future of Transportation Scholarship Program is currently seeking applicants through **November 7, 2020** for scholarship awards of \$500 – \$3,000 each.

Eligibility

- Undergraduate minority students who are California residents or are actively enrolled in an accredited community college or university in Northern California
 - o Minorities include: African-American, African, Latinx, Middle-Eastern, Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander diasporas.
- Demonstrated intent to pursue a career in transportation, including (but not limited to):
 - o Transportation Planning
 - o Transportation Engineering
 - o Mobility as a Service
 - o Public Policy
 - o Environmental Science
- Demonstrated major or coursework in disciplines applicable to transportation including (but not limited to):
 - o Urban Design/Urban Planning
 - o Engineering: Civil, Construction, Mechanical, Electrical, Environmental
 - o Business: Communication, Economics, Public Health, Policy, IT
 - o Social Sciences: Political Science, Pre-law

**Please note: This scholarship program is focused on undergraduate students. Graduates, graduate students, and trade and certificate program students are not eligible.*

Requirements

- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above.
- Community College students must be in a specific AA program or demonstrate intent to transfer to university.
- University students must be declared majors beginning their sophomore, junior, or senior year.
- **Winners are required to attend a COMTO event to receive the scholarship**
(such as December Awards Program); Scholarship funds will be mailed to the winners after the event.
- **Students may receive scholarships a maximum of two times** from this COMTO chapter.

Application Process

Applicants must submit **all** of the following:

- **Completed Student Application form.** (Item A below)
- **Career Interest Essay** (Item B below, **1-2 pages**)
- **Challenge-Solution Scenario:** (Item C below, **1 page or less**)
- **Grade Transcripts** – (Item D below, most recent college transcript showing cumulative GPA)
- **Resume** (Item E below)
- **Reference** (Item F below) – A reference from a professor, counselor, or advisor.

Note: Additional consideration will be given if your reference prepares a letter on letterhead paper from the organization with which they are affiliated.

A. STUDENT APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

1. Applicant Name:

First

Middle

Last

2. Name of Current College/University: _____ Campus Location: _____

3. College/University Major:

4. Academic Status as of Oct. 1, 2020: ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior;

(Note – Applicants must be sophomore - senior level to be eligible.)

5. Number of Completed Credit Hours:

6. Expected Graduation Date:

7. Current Grade Point Average (G.P.A.):

8. List of Institutions of Higher Education Attended with current or last attended institution first.

Name and Location of Institution	Dates of Attendance	Degree Earned	Date Awarded	Major

10. Permanent Residence Phone Number:

11. Cell Phone Number:

12. E-Mail Address:

13. Permanent Residence Address:

(If you have been displaced, please provide an address where correspondence to you (including phone and mail) can be received.)

Street City State Zip Code

14. College/University Residence Address:

Street City State Zip Code

15. Race/Ethnicity: _____ (Note: Applicants must be members of a racial minority group, i.e., African-American, African, Latinx, Middle-Eastern, Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander diasporas)

17. Are you a resident of Northern California Areas (San Francisco Bay Area or Sacramento Area) or do you currently attend school in Northern California?

- ☐ Yes, permanent resident of Northern California
☐ Yes, enrolled full-time at a college in Northern California
☐ No

18. Are you currently a student member of COMTO? ☐ Yes ☐ No

19. Have you received a COMTO scholarship previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, specify year received COMTO chapter (or national) awarding scholarship _____

20. Signature – I attest that all responses are accurate

_____ Date:

B. Career Interest Essay – Think about the contributions you will make to the transportation industry. In 1-2 pages (double-spaced) answer the following:

- What inspired your interest in a transportation career?
- How will you translate your major/education into a transportation career?
- As a transportation professional, how will you support minority communities?
- What life experiences have you overcome to get where you are today?

C. Challenge-Solution Scenario – Think about your experiences using traditional transportation (bus, rail, bike, car) or new mobility (shared bikes/scooters, on-demand rideshare services, etc.) – for example, access, affordability, and reliability. In one page or less (double-spaced), explain an improvement or innovation you would implement as a solution to a transportation challenge if you were a transportation professional.

D. Grade Transcripts – Please send your most recent grade transcripts. Include your entire college grade history.

E. Resume – Provide a 1-page resume that includes information on your work experience, volunteer activities, education, honors/awards received, and other interests.

F. Reference – One reference from a professor, counselor, or advisor.

DEADLINE – Materials must be mailed with postmarks no later than **November 7, 2020**

Please submit the application, two essays, grade transcripts, resume, and the recommendation.

G. Scholarship Recommendation – Reference (See Attachment A)



APPLICATION DEADLINE:

***Application materials must be postmarked and electronically date stamped
NO LATER THAN
November 1, 2020, 5:00 pm***

1. MAIL APPLICATION TO:

COMTO of Northern California – Scholarship Program
Attention: Mr. Benjamin W Murray
PO BOX 71855
OAKLAND CA 94612-8055

Applications must be received No Later Than Wednesday, November 11 at the COMTO NorCal PO Box

AND

2. E-MAIL APPLICATION IN PDF FORMAT TO:

comto.norcal@gmail.com

Subject: 2020 COMTO - Future of Transportation Scholarship Program- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants: Thank you for your interest in the COMTO scholarship program.

If you have questions, email Benjamin W Murray at bwmurray@prodigy.net

***Please note that scholarship recipients are required to attend a
COMTO meeting or event prior to receiving their award.***