



COMTO Colorado

Conference of Minority Transportation Officials – Colorado Chapter

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

COMTO Colorado will award up to five (5) scholarships for the **2012-2013** academic year to 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

High School Students who plan to attend accredited four-year colleges and universities and major in the following or related disciplines:

- Archaeology and/or Cultural Resources
- Architecture
- Aviation
- Civil, Chemical, Structural, Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineering
- Computer Science
- Construction Engineering Technology
- Construction and/or Construction Management
- Environmental Science and related Studies
- Geology and/or Geotechnical Engineering
- Public Information and Outreach Programs
- Security Systems
- Urban Planning
- Vehicle Design and Maintenance

High School Students who plan to attend accredited technical schools or community colleges and major in the following or related disciplines:

- Construction
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Electrical
- Electronics
- Hydraulics and/or Elevator Mechanics
- Diesel Mechanics

Scholarship Award Process

COMTO Colorado 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. The recipient must provide COMTO with a copy of his/her college enrollment registration along with the address of the school's financial aid officer prior to the check being mailed. The student must provide his/her student account number with this information. The scholarship must be used during the **2012-2013** academic year or any remaining funds will be forfeited.

COMTO Colorado Scholarship Committee, PO Box 390004 Denver, CO 80239



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Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a graduating high school senior entering a regionally accredited college or university in the year the scholarship is applied for. Scholarships are awarded only to those who graduate from high school in the calendar year in which scholarships are presented.
2. Be currently enrolled, in good standing and maintaining at least a 2.5 grade point average through the 2010-2011 academic year.
3. Complete the full COMTO Colorado application process by the designated deadline.
4. Enrolled in a public or charter high school in Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson, Douglas, Broomfield and Boulder counties.

To be considered, fully completed application form and accompanying documentation must be mailed to COMTO Colorado by January 31, 2012

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

Dr. Mary Davis

COMTO COLORADO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

PO Box 390004

Denver, Colorado, 80239



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

Selection of recipients of COMTO Colorado Scholarships will be made by a panel appointed by the COMTO Colorado Scholarship Committee.

The following scoring system will apply:

- 15 points** Grade Point Average
 - 4.0 – 3.5 (15 pts)
 - >3.5 – 3.0 (13 pts)
 - >3.0 – 2.5 (11 pts)

- 20 points** Personal Essay
Essay will be scored based on content, grammar, spelling, flow of ideas and applicant's answers to the COMTO Colorado required essay questions.

- 10 points** Participation in activities related to career goal

- 10 points** Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

- 15 points** High School Citizenship
Attendance, rules followed for school, awards received, participation, volunteer work performed, outside school involvement (jobs, clubs, etc.)

- 10 points** Three (3) Personal Qualities Evaluations

- 15 points** Individual Interview
The same set of questions will be asked of each applicant, by the same committee. Interviews will be conducted the week of **February 20, 2012**.



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INSTRUCTIONS: Review the COMTO Colorado Scholarship program rules and instruction below before starting the application process. Complete the Scholarship Application and attach the following documents or arrange to have them sent to the COMTO Colorado Scholarship Committee:

1. Personal Essay from Applicant

Write an essay (500 to 700 words), typewritten using size 12 font, which includes answers to the following:

- a. Why you chose your planned field of study?
- b. How do you think your coursework and life experiences have helped you prepare for your college studies and the future?
- c. Explain why you are an excellent -candidate for this scholarship.
- d. What else you would like to tell the Scholarship Selection Committee to help it make a decision about your scholarship application.

Note: In preparing your personal essay (as well as preparing for your interview), consider how you can most effectively convey your best qualities.

2. Two Letters of Recommendation

Letters may be provided by teachers, school staff, employers, coaches, etc. The person submitting the letter should state how he or she knows you and your ability to benefit from the scholarship. Letters from family members will not be accepted.

3. Counselor Endorsement Form

If a counselor was used in the submittal for number two, a different counselor must provide the endorsement form.

4. Personal Qualities Evaluation

Applicant is to provide the Personal Qualities Evaluation Form included in this packet to three individuals who can rate their personal qualities. Each evaluator shall mail the completed form to the COMTO Colorado Scholarship Committee.

*Applicants should mail materials to the COMTO Colorado Scholarship Committee. If letters or forms are sent separately, it is up to the applicant to ensure all materials have been sent by the deadline, **January 31, 2012**.*



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To apply for a scholarship, complete this application form and submit completed application and attachments to the COMTO Colorado Scholarship Committee:

All materials must be postmarked by January 31, 2012

Name of Applicant:

Date of birth: _____

Home address:

Best number to be reached: _____

Email address:

High School: _____

Cumulative grade point average: _____

List any other high schools attended and cumulative GPA:

High School

GPA

College or other higher education institution to be attended in Fall Semester, 2012 (If known):



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Career goal: _____

Awards and honors (attach list, if needed): _____

Community service, including number of years (attach list, if needed):

Other scholarships or sources of financial assistance that you have received or have been awarded for **2012-2013**:

Certification

I certify the information in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand the decision of COMTO Colorado Scholarship Committee is final.

Signature of Applicant

Date



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PERSONAL QUALITIES EVALUATION FOR COMTO COLORADO SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Applicant: _____

Dear,

You are being requested to complete the following evaluation for the above applicant applying for the COMTO Colorado Scholarship for 2012. Please fill out the evaluation form in agreement and return it in a sealed envelope to the Scholarship Committee **NO LATER THAN January 31, 2012**. Only the COMTO Colorado Scholarship Selection Committee will read the evaluation. Evaluation results will be kept confidential.

Utilize the following in rating the applicant:

- Attitude: Conviction, Feeling, Passion, Pride
- Teamwork: Unity, Trust, Loyalty, Group Awareness
- Enthusiasm: Devotion, Drive, Passion, Diligence
- Reliability: Dependable, Accountable, Responsible, Consistent
- Commitment: Obligation, Promise, Excellence, Duty, Assurance, Persistence

Please rate the applicant by circling 1-7 below (1 being the lowest, 7 being the highest)

ATTITUDE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
TEAMWORK:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ENTHUSIASM:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
RELIABILITY:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
COMMITMENT:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Signature of person completing evaluation

Date

Relationship to applicant

Date

MAIL FORM TO THE COMTO COLORADO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AT THE ADDRESS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHEET.