



COMTO Central Florida Scholarship 2025

The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Central Florida Chapter Scholarship is awarded to current or incoming college students in the Central Florida region who are pursuing careers that support transportation, planning, STEM, and other related industries. Our scholarship program is committed to providing financial support for students to help them maximize their educational potential.

We are awarding scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each.

All fully-completed applications and materials must be emailed or postmarked by Friday, September 5, 2025 to be considered for the scholarship.

Application will be open until Friday, September 5, 2025.
The scholarship winner will be announced on September 17, 2025.

For questions about the application process or requirements,
contact COMTOCentralFlorida@gmail.com.





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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please print clearly. All fields are required.

First & Last Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

School Name (College, University, or Vocational/Trade School accepted for Fall 2024 semester)

School Location (City & State) _____ or ☐ Virtual

Major (and Minor/Concentration if any) _____

Expected Graduation (such as Spring 2026) _____

☐ Undergraduate or ☐ Graduate ☐ Part-Time or ☐ Full-Time

How did you hear about the scholarship? (such as family, friend, teacher, employer)

Have you previously received a scholarship from COMTO Central Florida?

☐ No or ☐ Yes If Yes, When _____

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APPLICATION

STEP 1 - RESUME: Provide your resume, listing:

- education with current cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average)
- extracurricular activities (such as clubs, athletics, work experience), if any
- awards, honors, and certifications (academic or non-academic), if any
- volunteering or community service, if any

STEP 2 - ESSAY: Write an essay with minimum 500 words (and correct grammar, spelling, and flow) that covers at least two (2) of the following questions: **(Note: submissions with plagiarism; AI is discouraged)**

- What are your career goals (short-term or long-term), related to transportation?
- Why did you choose your planned field of study?
- How has transportation impacted your life?
- Why is the transportation industry important to your community?
- How would this financial resource enhance your success toward the transportation industry?
- How do you think your coursework and/or life experiences have helped you prepare for your college studies and the future?

STEP 3 - LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Provide two letters of recommendation. Letters can be written by teachers, school staff, counselors, employers, coaches, etc. Letters from family members are not allowed. The person submitting the letter should state how they know you and your ability to benefit from the scholarship. Letters must be included with your complete application packet.

- **First & Last Name of Reference #1** _____
- **First & Last Name of Reference #2** _____

STEP 4 - ACCEPTANCE LETTER/PROOF OF ENROLLMENT: Provide your proof of acceptance or enrollment to a college, university, or vocational/trade school for classes in the Fall 2025 semester.

OPTIONAL: Additional documents can be included with the application that may be pertinent to the evaluation of the applicant as a potential COMTO scholarship recipient, such as portfolio.

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STEP 5 - RULES & REQUIREMENTS: Sign that you have read, understood, and agree to the Rules and Requirements below for the COMTO Central Florida Scholarship:

Applicant is accepted for classes in the Fall 2025 semester at a college, university, or vocational/trade school.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Applicant is a resident of the Central Florida region , including: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Hardee, Highlands, Polk, Pasco, Pinellas, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sarasota Counties.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Applicant is pursuing a major that supports the field of transportation , including but not limited to: planning, engineering, business, communications, construction, STEM related, etc.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you have immediate family on the COMTO Central Florida Executive Board?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Applicant gives consent and permission to COMTO Central Florida to use name, image, voice, and/or appearance embodied in any pictures, video, audio, etc., for any purpose consistent with COMTO Central Florida's mission. Applicant waives any rights to inspect or approve the finished materials that may be used. Applicant acknowledges that they may not receive any compensation or other benefit for its use. Applicant hereby releases COMTO Central Florida from any and all claims or liability which arise out of or are in any way connected with such creation or use.	☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

OPTION 1 - EMAIL: COMTOCentralFlorida@gmail.com (TIP: For large files, send a link through a cloud storage service like Google Drive, Dropbox, or OneDrive.)

OPTION 2 - MAIL: Laini Schultz, c/o HAWM Law 641 N Rio Grande Ave, Orlando, FL 32805. All materials must be postmarked by the deadline date.