



2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The North Carolina Chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) is pleased to announce its 2025 Scholarship Program. COMTO is a national, non-profit organization founded in 1971. For 54 years, COMTO has been committed to connecting untapped talent to opportunities, elevating all lived experience at the decision-making table, and promoting engaged and thriving communities. COMTO is committed to the professional, educational, and business development of its members. The COMTO North Carolina Chapter plays a vital role in fostering these goals across the state to ensure transportation service to all. COMTO North Carolina has established an annual scholarship awards program and believes education is a core foundation for excellence in the transportation industry. Our scholarship program is committed to providing financial support to the next generation of transportation professionals by supporting students in realizing their educational potential. We invite you to apply for our scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION:

COMTO North Carolina will offer four (4) scholarships of \$1,000 each to deserving students in the State. Selections are made by a team of industry professionals and/or representatives from the academic or transportation community. Applications will be accepted through close of business (5pm) **June 27, 2025**.

ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Graduating High School seniors, undergraduate or graduate students, and vocational-technical school students enrolled in an accredited college, university, community college or vocational-trade school with demonstrated intent to pursue a career in a transportation industry-related academic program. All eligible students are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be able to describe their personal and professional career goals in an essay (See Career Interest Essay requirement, Item B, page 5).
2. Applicants must either be a resident of North Carolina or attend a college or vocational-technical school in North Carolina.
3. High school graduates or college students with a verified GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for Fall 2025 enrollment.
4. Applicants must provide an unofficial transcript.
5. Applicants will be required to verify information.
6. Applicants are encouraged to become a COMTO student member. **(COMTO Membership for students is free)** [link](https://comto.org/membership/become-member)
<https://comto.org/membership/become-member>
7. Winners are required to attend the COMTO North Carolina Scholarship Awards Event in Raleigh, North Carolina.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS EVENT

The COMTO North Carolina Chapter Scholarship Awards Event will be held in **July 2025** in Raleigh, NC. Scholarship Award Recipients will be notified no later than July 18th, 2025.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE CHECK LIST

Applicants must submit the following:

(PLEASE UPLOAD ALL DOCUMENTS IN ONE (1) ATTACHMENT)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed Student Application with signature (Item A below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Motivation Essay – Maximum 600 words (Item B below - 1-page minimum).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unofficial Transcript – most recent school transcript showing cumulative GPA. (Item C below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resume (Item D below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	One (1) Letter of Recommendation (Item E below) – A letter of reference from a professor, counselor, community leader, or advisor. (Refer to Attachment 1.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Photo – Suitable for printing in a brochure (Item F below)
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Email Application Materials to:
scholarscomtonc@comto.org

Scholarship Application

DEADLINE:

5pm, FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

COMTO North Carolina encourages applicants to apply who intend to pursue a career in transportation including (but not limited to): Transportation, Planning, Transportation Engineering, Mobility as a Service, Public Policy, Environmental Science, Aviation Science, Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Business, Communications, Government Affairs and other related careers. Applicants course work in disciplines applicable to transportation may include (but not limited to):

- Engineering (i.e., Civil, Construction, Environmental, Mechanical, and Electrical)
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Social Sciences (i.e., Planning, Economics, Geography, Urban Design/Urban Planning, Pre-law, and Political Science)
- Business Administration (i.e., Business Management, Policy, Public Health, Communications, Human Resources, Finance, Accounting, and Information Technology)
- Aviation (i.e., Management, Aeronautics, Air Traffic Control (ATC), Pilot)

A. STUDENT APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Applicant's Permanent Residence Address: _____

Applicant's Residence Phone Number: _____ Applicant's Cell Phone Number: _____

Are you currently attending: ☐ High School ☐ College ☐ University ☐ Community College ☐ Vocational or Trade School

School Name: _____ School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School Phone Number: _____ Major: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Current Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) _____

Are you a resident of North Carolina, or do you currently attend school full-time in North Carolina?

☐ Yes, permanent resident of North Carolina

☐ Yes, enrolled full-time at a college in North Carolina (Fall 2025)

Are you currently a COMTO member? Yes ☐ No ☐ Date of Membership: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

By signing below, I attest that all responses in this application are accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

B. LETTER OF MOTIVATION ESSAY

Describe in 600 words, double-spaced, describe your motivation for attending college and pursuing a career in transportation. The essay should include the following explanations: 1. Reasons you deserve the scholarship; 2. Your educational and career goals in transportation, including any challenges you have overcome; 3. The impact a COMTO NC scholarship could have on your education and financial needs.

C. UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Submit a copy of your most recent transcript from your school. The transcript may also be sent electronically directly from the school to scholarscomtonc@comto.org (Electronic submittal is preferred).

D. RÉSUMÉ

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

E. REFERENCE

One (1) Letter of Recommendations from any of the following: a teacher, academic advisor, a manager, or supervisor from a community organization where you have worked or volunteered, an employer, or a person other than a relative (See Attachment 1 below).

F. PHOTO

Graduation Photo (not proofs) or headshot photo suitable for printing in a brochure.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Application materials must be emailed no later than 5pm, Friday, June 27, 2025.

PLEASE UPLOAD ALL DOCUMENTS IN ONE (1) ATTACHMENT.

Format of application file should be saved and sent as:
Applicants Name_2025 Scholarship Application

Email Application Materials to:
scholarscomtonc@comto.org

Applicants

Thank you for your interest in the COMTO North Carolina scholarship program. If you have questions, email questions to scholarscomtonc@comto.org

ATTACHMENT 1

G. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION – REFERENCE

Please ask a teacher or academic advisor, someone you have worked for at a community organization, an employer, or a person other than a relative to complete this section:

Applicant Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

I have the following relationship with the student: (check all that apply)

☐

Teacher/Academic Advisor

☐

Employer

☐

(His/her) Community Organization

☐

Other (Specify)

I am acquainted with his / her work during the period from: _____ to: _____

Month/Year

Month/Year

His / Her major is: _____ 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 in support of the applicant's recommendation for the COMTO scholarship. Consider commenting on: How would you describe the quality of the applicant's work? How would you describe the applicant's character? (You are encouraged to attach an additional page on your company/school letterhead.)

Printed name of Reference: _____

Organization: _____

Signature of Reference: _____ 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, send it directly to COMTO Chapter at: COMTO North Carolina email: scholarscomtonc@comto.org
Format of file should be saved and sent as: Applicants Name_Letter of Recommendation