

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET – 2021

The Southern California Chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) is pleased to announce its 2021 Scholarship Program. COMTO-SoCal has assumed an active role in the minority community establishing numerous programs that energize and strengthen the communities we serve. Our scholarship program is committed to providing financial support to minority students to help them maximize their educational potential.

### ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

#### APPLICANTS MUST BE:

1. **U. S. citizens currently enrolled full-time as High School seniors, undergraduate students or graduate students in a transportation industry related academic program at an accredited college, university or vocational-trade school.** All eligible students are encouraged to apply.

#### **\* Examples of Academic Majors that Support the Transportation Industry**

Transportation professionals work in a broad range of areas that generally aim to facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Academic majors that support the transportation industry include the following:

- Engineering (i.e. Civil, Construction, Environmental, Mechanical, and Electrical)
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Social Sciences (i.e. Planning, Economics, Geography, and Political Science)
- Business Administration (i.e., Business Management, Policy, Occupational Health & Safety, Communications, Human Resources, Finance, Accounting, and Information Technology)
- Other Related Fields (i.e. Aviation, Transportation Logistics, Transportation Management)

2. **Members of a racial minority group** (African American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian American, Hispanic American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and other races).
3. **Applicants must either be a resident of Southern California or attending a college or vocational-technical school in Southern California.**
4. **High school graduates or college students with a declared academic major for Spring or Summer 2022.**
5. **Applicants must have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or above.**
6. **Applicants will be required to verify information.**
7. **Previous COMTO-SoCal Scholarship recipients must be a COMTO student member.**
8. **Winners are required to attend the COMTO-SoCal Scholarship Awards Event.** (Parents can accept for awardees; The COMTO-SoCal Scholarship Awards Event will be held December 2021.
9. **Students may receive scholarships a maximum of two times from the COMTO-SoCal Regional Chapter.**

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCESS

The number of scholarships and the amounts for the 2022 academic year will be determined following a review of the applications and donations received. Selections are made by a team of industry professionals and/or representatives from the academic community. **All scholarship money will be disbursed to the school upon official verification of enrollment in the 2022 school year.** This should be in the form of an official class roster or letter from the registrar. Students must also submit the Bursar's mailing address and student account number.

**Application Deadline:** Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed by **Friday, November 5, 2021 (no exceptions will be made for late or incomplete filing).** Applications should be mailed to **COMTO SoCal Scholarship, Attn: Edna Stanley, P.O. Box 3414, Rocklin, CA 95677** or emailed [Scholarship.socalcomto@gmail.com](mailto:Scholarship.socalcomto@gmail.com). All applications must be complete for consideration (see *Scholarship Application Checklist*).

***Additional scholarship applications are available at [www.comtosouthernca.org](http://www.comtosouthernca.org)***



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

1. Applicant Name:

*First*

*Middle*

*Last*

2. Name of College, University or Vocational School 2020:

and Campus Location:

3. Major:

4. Expected Graduation Date:

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

6. College, University or Vocational School Residence Phone Number:

7. Permanent Residence Phone Number:

8. Cell Phone Number:

9. E-Mail Address:

10. Permanent Residence Address:

*Street*

*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

11. College, University or Vocational School Residence Address:

*Street*

*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

12. Race/Ethnicity: (Note: Applicants must be members of a racial minority group, i.e., African American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian American, Hispanic American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and other races.)

13. Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No

14. Are you a resident of the Southern California Area, or do you currently attend school full-time in Southern California?

Yes, permanent resident of the Southern California Area

Yes, enrolled full-time at a college in Southern California (Spring or Summer 2022)  No

15. Are you currently a member of COMTO, family member, or COMTO mentor member?  Yes  No

If yes, member must sign on this line

16. Have you received a COMTO scholarship previously  Yes  No; If yes, specify year received and COMTO chapter (or national) awarding scholarship

17. Signature – *I attest that all responses are accurate*

Date:

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**Please fulfill all the requirements listed on the checklist below and return the completed paperwork, requested items, and checklist to the address above.**

1. **Signed and completed scholarship application**
  
2. **Career Interest Essay** (maximum 600 words)   
 Describe in detail on no less than one and a half pages, but no more than two pages, double spaced, your short and long-range professional career goals. Explain why you think you should receive the scholarship award, and any special circumstances in your life that you have had to overcome to succeed academically. Explain how additional resources could enhance your success.
  
3. **Official Transcript** – Submit by postal mail an original copy of your most recent transcript sealed by your school. The transcript may also be sent electronically directly from the school to COMTO-SoCal at [Scholarship.socalcomto@gmail.com](mailto:Scholarship.socalcomto@gmail.com) (electronic submission preferred).
  
4. **Résumé** – Provide a 1-page resume that includes information on your work experience, volunteer activities, education, honors/awards received, and other interests.
  
5. **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation** – 
  - a) A completed Scholarship Recommendation Form (see Pg. 4)
  - b) A letter or reference from a teacher, academic advisor, supervisor/manager from a community organization where you have worked or volunteered, an employer, or a person other than a relative.
  
6. **Photo** – Graduation photo (no proofs) suitable for printing in a brochure.
  
7. **Proof of U.S. Citizenship**

By signing this form, I certify that I am a citizen or legal resident of the United States of America.

Signature – *I attest that all responses are accurate*

Date:

## SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM – REFERENCE

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

1. Name of Applicant (student):
 

<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Last</i>
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2. I have the following relationship with the student: *(check as many as apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Academic Advisor	<input type="checkbox"/> Employer
<input type="checkbox"/> (His/her) Community Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> 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):
 

<input type="checkbox"/> outstanding	<input type="checkbox"/> very good	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair
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Please add any other comments that you consider to be pertinent to the evaluation of the applicant as a potential COMTO scholarship recipient. *(You are encouraged to attach an additional page on your company/school letterhead.)*

Printed name of Reference:	Organization:
Signature:	Title: <span style="float: right;">Date:</span>
Telephone Number:	E-mail:

**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 a sealed envelope – or, send it directly to COMTO of Southern California Regional Chapter as follows:*

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