



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

COMTO Colorado will award up to 10 scholarships for the **2017-2018** 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 college, university or trade school 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
- 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 **2017-2018** academic year or any remaining funds will be forfeited.

**COMTO Colorado Scholarship Committee, PO Box 13582, Denver, CO 80201**

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 2016-2017 academic year.
3. Complete the full COMTO Colorado application process by the designated deadline.
4. Enrolled in any state-approved high school.

**To be considered, fully completed application form and accompanying documentation must be mailed to COMTO Colorado by March 13, 2017.**

## 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
  
- 15 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.)
  
- 25 points** Individual Interview
  - The same set of questions will be asked of each applicant, by the same committee.

**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.*

*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, **March 13, 2017.***

# 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 March 13, 2017.**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_

List any other high schools attended and cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College or other higher education institution to be attended in Fall Semester, 2017(if known):

\_\_\_\_\_

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 **2017-2018:**

\_\_\_\_\_

## 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:***

## ENDORSEMENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

*Information may be filled in by applicant and verified by school counselor.*

High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative grade point: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List any other high schools attended, with class standing and cumulative GPA:

High School	GPA
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_____	_____
_____	_____

**Active Participation in the Following High School Activities: Clubs and Awards Received from High School or Other Related Organizations**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### **Check One**

**Attendance:**                      Excellent      Above-Average      Average      Below-Average

**Personal Record:**              Excellent      Above-Average      Average      Below-Average (Adherence to school rules, etc.)

*Signature below certifies the above information is true and accurate.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**Postmark Deadline: March 13, 2017.**