

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

COMTO Washington State will award up to 15 scholarships to students who express an interest in pursuing college studies in a transportation-related field. The scholarship award may be used for tuition.

Eligible Students

Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited college/university/vocational-technical institution in the fall of the application year and major in the following or related disciplines:

Archaeology and/or Cultural Resources Architecture Aviation Civil, Chemical, Structural, Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineering Environmental Engineering Computer Science Construction Engineering Technology Construction and/or Construction Management Environmental Science and related Studies Geology and/or Geotechnical Engineering Political Science Program Management Procurement and Contracts Project Controls Project Management Public Information and Outreach Programs Security Systems Transportation Management Transportation Planning 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 Washington will award a check for the scholarship amount made payable to the institution in 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 to the institution. The student must provide his/her student account number with this information. The scholarship grant must be used during the current academic year or any remaining funds will be forfeited.

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited college/university/vocational-technical institution in the fall of the award year.
2. Applicant is a graduating high school senior entering a regionally accredited college, university or vocational school who graduates from a state-approved high school or GED program in the calendar year in which desired scholarships are presented.
3. Currently enrolled in accredited institution, in good standing, and maintaining at least a 2.7 cumulative grade point average through the academic award year.
4. Complete the full COMTO Washington application process within the designated deadline.
5. A Washington State resident.
6. A U.S. Citizen, VISA or green card holder currently authorized to attend college in the United States.
7. Submit fully completed application form with the accompanying documentation must be mailed to COMTO Washington by stated deadline.

Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's academic record, specific transportation goals, and transportation-related activities or job skills.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Washington state is dedicated to the development and advancement of individuals interested in careers in transportation. COMTO offers scholarships each year to students who are pursuing their education in transportation or a related field. Our scholarship programs are designed to support the best and the brightest as they seek to obtain their credentials in transportation. Multiple scholarship awards are available to meet the specific needs of the student. The awards are designed to make the transportation profession more diverse and accessible to those of limited means. The Washington State chapter of COMTO is pleased to offer the following scholarships:

- COMTO Washington State Founders Scholarship
- Mt. Rainier Graduate Scholarship
- HNTB Leadership Scholarship
- Washington State Ambassador Scholarship
- Mt. Baker Leaders Scholarship

COMTO Washington State Founders Scholarship – \$1,000

In honor of the founders of Washington state COMTO and their devotion to mentorship and service, this local scholarship is awarded to address the needs of individuals who face financial challenges to pursuing either undergraduate degrees or certification awards. Women or minority (African American, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Islander) undergraduate students enrolled in an approved accredited institution. Students must be citizens of the United States.

Mt. Rainier Graduate Scholarship – \$2,500

Established in 2018, this scholarship was designed to encourage individuals to pursue career paths in transportation. Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in an approved accredited institution pursuing graduate studies in transportation or a related field, such as transportation finance, public administration, planning, engineering, or communications.

HNTB Leadership Scholarship - \$2500

Awarded each year to a current college student who is pursuing a degree and has a great interest in transportation. The HNTB Leadership Scholarship will be awarded to a well-rounded student who embodies HNTB's Leadership Characteristics that inform all we do as a firm and as individual employees.

One of the leadership characteristics is "success oriented" – a key attribute that scholarship recipients must exhibit. This means that the applicant is a person who is "Being persistent; willing to give extra effort and initiative; understands what drives success; uncovering what is really important to success in any situation; does not confuse activity with results." [Click here for award Criteria and Qualifications](#)

Washington State Ambassador Scholarship – \$ 1,500

The Washington State Ambassador Scholarship was established to encourage individuals to pursue career paths related to public policy or public administration in transportation or a related field. This local scholarship is open to undergraduate and graduate students and supports the COMTO goal of fostering the development of individuals in the public policy sector of the transportation field.

Mt. Baker Leaders Scholarship - \$500 - \$1,500

COMTO awards three non-renewable scholarships each year to Washingtonians who are high school or post-secondary students working towards an associate degree or vocational diploma from a community or technical college. The Mt. Baker Leaders scholarship is awarded to address the needs of individuals who have interest in the **vocational/trade** sector within the transportation field.

- *Multiple awards per category may be available*
- * US Citizens*
- *Exclusive to Washington State candidates*
- * Participants eligible for 1 award per year*
- * Non-renewable awards unless special circumstances meet pre-determined criteria*

Applications are due on June 28, 2019 (no postmarks). Emailed application submittals are encouraged. Please go through the [COMTO Scholarship Checklist](#) before posting your application.

Awardees will be notified on August 9, 2019 by email and US mail of award. Awards will be presented at the COMTO Awards Banquet in the fall of the award year. Attendance at the awards dinner is highly recommended.

If you have questions about the COMTO scholarship program or applications, please contact: Gretchen Adams at gadams@systemscl.com or Norman Melendres at nmelendres@HNTB.com

Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's academic record, specific transportation goals, and transportation-related activities or job skills.

Electronic submittals are encouraged but not mandatory. For electronic submittals, please scan and submit all application materials including official transcripts in two formats: 1) typed Word document and 2) in one combined PDF file. Email documents to:

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For regular mail or for more information about the COMTO Washington State Chapter, please go to: WWW.comtowashington.org

To mail applications, please send to: Norman Melendres, P.O. Box 14607, Seattle, WA 98114

EMAIL: info@comtowashington.org

Completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. June 28, 2019 (no postmarks). COMTO is not responsible for the completeness of the application if materials are; submitted separately either by mail or e-mail.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

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

Scoring Criteria:

- 15 points
Grade Point Average
 - 4.0 – 3.5 (15 pts) >3.5 – 3.0 (13 pts) >3.0 – 2.7 (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 Washington required essay questions.

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

- 15 points
References
 - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

- 15 points
School and Community Engagement,
 - Volunteer civic/ community work performed, outside school involvement (jobs, clubs, organizations, non-profit work, etc.)
 - Participation; recognition; awards, volunteer, program development
 - citizenship

- 25 points
Individual Interview
 - Committee Panel Q & A (Pre-established questions)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Application packets must include each of the following items to be considered complete:

- Completed application, signed and dated.
- Official transcript that supports GPA provided on application
- For graduate students currently in their first term, GPA information and transcript from their undergraduate program will be accepted.
- Letter(s) of Recommendation. Two letters of recommendation are required for the Mt. Rainier Graduate Scholarship. All other scholarships require one letter.
- Personal statement about the scholarship and career being pursued (up to 500 words or 2 pages in length)
- Proof of current enrollment (copy of tuition receipt or current registration card).
- If applying for the COMTO Washington Founder's Undergraduate Scholarship, please email the Word document (unsigned) for the completed application to the email addresses listed at the bottom of this checklist.
- If applying for the COMTO Washington Founders scholarship in addition to the Washington State Ambassador scholarship, each application packet must be complete and stand alone. However, it is acceptable to provide one official transcript to support all applications. In this case, please include the transcript in the Founders application and clearly note in the Washington State Ambassador application that the transcript is provided in the other packet.

We accept either mailed or electronic submittals. Electronic submittals are encouraged. If applicants choose to submit electronically, please scan and submit all application materials including official transcripts in one combined PDF file, via email to the email addresses listed below.

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COMTO WASHINGTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. Personal Information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

II. Education History

Current High School/College/University _____ City _____,
State _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____ Degree to be received _____ - _____

Area of Concentration _____

Grade Point Average _____

(Minimum GPA of 2.7 required. Please attach official copy of transcript to your application.)

Previous Colleges/Universities Attended, Date Degree Earned and GPA:

Professional or School Affiliations (List any school, professional or community activities you have participated in. Include offices held and awards received. Please attach additional information as typed/MS Word documents, as needed.)

III. Employment History

Work Experience (List full-time, part-time, co-op and summer employment).

Briefly describe your duties and responsibilities. Please attach additional information as typed/MS Word documents, as needed.

IV. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a professor, counselor, teacher or job supervisor must accompany your application.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words or 2 pages in length). Please attach to application form as a MS Word document.

VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.
**Please black out your social security number on all application materials*.*

VII. Proof of Financial Need: Attach a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA and your financial aid reward letter.

Applicant's Full Name: _____
Applicant' Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Below are the Criteria and Qualifications that HNTB is looking for in Scholarship Applicants:

1. Freshman, sophomore, junior or senior college student with a GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
2. Award recipient must be a resident of United States and attending college degree program from an accredited U.S. College and University.
3. Able to submit typed double-space essay, minimum 2 pages; on the plan of pursuing the remaining college years and why you feel the scholarship committee should select your application.
4. Have current extracurricular community activities: Desirable but not essential for selection.
5. Financial need: Applicant must be able to demonstrate that he/she or the family is not able to contribute all the funds necessary to pursue a college education.
6. Applicants majoring in related science or engineering disciplines will be considered if they demonstrate a strong academic emphasis and interest in transportation industry.

This HNTB scholarship is one of several scholarships provided by COMTO WA.