

## **Chicago Chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials 2011 Academic Awards Application**

The Chicago Chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) offers several scholarships to students within the Chicagoland area. A team of industry professionals will select the recipients of the **Academic Awards**. The purpose of this program is to support COMTO's mission of promoting, strengthening, and expanding the roles of minorities in all aspects of transportation.

### Application Guidelines (Provide 2 copies of the following):

All applications must be complete for consideration and must contain the following:

- Cover letter with introduction (minimum 100 words) and short essay (minimum 250 words), describing the student's personal and academic accomplishments and career goals.
- Official transcripts for college students or most recent report card for high school students.
  - The transcripts and report cards must include the overall grade point average. If not include, then the student must also submit official documentation from your school that states your overall grade point average.
- A 3X5 photo of the student.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation on letterhead from a company, school, or organization.
  - The letters must come from people who have worked directly with the student and can give a first hand account of student's accomplishments.
  - The letters must state how long they have known the student and the type of work relationship they have with the student.
- Acceptance letter from an accredited University or College.
- Completed **Academic Awards** form with signature.

All applicants must be a U.S. citizen or a non-U.S. citizen student with permanent residency or alien registration card. All applicants must reside in the Chicagoland area. Applicants are eligible to apply for more than one **award**. **Award** recipients are expected to attend the **Chicago COMTO Awards Luncheon later this year**.

### Academic Awards Descriptions:

- **COMTO Achievement Award**
  - Applicant must be a graduating high school student or full time college student.
  - High School applicants must have been accepted at an accredited college or university.
  - College applicants must attend an accredited college or university.
  - All applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
    - All applicants must include a copy of the financial package from the college/university attending or that will attend in the Fall with the application submittal. The package should include the following information:
      1. A breakdown of the cost of tuition (and other expenses such as books, fees, etc.).
      2. The amount of aid that applicant will be receiving (scholarship, loans, work study, etc.)
      3. The final amount that applicant will owe to attend the school.
  
- **Elonzo “Lonnie” Hill COMTO Member Award**
  - Applicant must be a graduating high school student or college (undergraduate or graduate) student.
  - The parent, guardian, or applicant must be an active\* member of COMTO for one year.
  - Applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

\*Note: An “active” member represents an individual whose annual membership fee was received by COMTO on or after **July 1, 2010**. The recipient of the COMTO Member **Award** must be current with COMTO membership fees for the entire one-year period of the academic award.

Deadline and Mailing Information: All applications must be complete for consideration. Applications must be **received** by **April 28, 2011** (Note that applications postmarked by April 28, 2011 but received after April 28, 2011 will **NOT** be accepted).

Winners are expected to attend the **awards luncheon**. Submit applications to: COMTO Chicago **Academic Awards** Program, c/o Bill Wheeler, **Academic Awards** Chairperson, P.O. Box 618334,



Chicago, IL 60601 You may download additional applications from our website at [www.comtochicago.org](http://www.comtochicago.org)

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

Name of **academic award(s)** you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of COMTO Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Year joined COMTO: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this **academic award**? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of High School/College you currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ scale

Honors and Awards: Please list any honors or awards received (academic and non academic)

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Other: Please list any other information concerning your high school/college experience or civic activities you want the evaluation committee to consider (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

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**Work Experience:**

Please list any jobs that you held during high school/college. Give a brief description of your duties for each job held (Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

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Employer                                      Job Title                                      Hours Per Week

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Dates of Employment              Job Description

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Contributions to COMTO: Please identify your contributions to COMTO (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

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\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to provide the Chicago Chapter of COMTO with a copy of my official transcript during the one year period of my award.

Signature: Application must be signed and dated by the applicant. The application must also be signed by a parent or guardian if the applicant is under 18 years of age.

Name of Applicant (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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