About COMTO
The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) is a professional organization created to provide a forum for minority professionals in the transportation industry. With thirty-nine (39) chapters across the country, COMTO provides a voice for minority transportation organizations, businesses, leaders, and students studying and working in the field of transportation. Since its inception, COMTO has continued to support the advancement of minorities in the transportation industry through professional development programs, workshops, and scholarships. Members of the organization include transportation professionals, students, organizations, transportation agencies, non-profits, and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), serving in every sector of the transportation industry. COMTO supporters include transportation industry organizations and its diverse membership of transportation professionals.

Each year, the Dallas Chapter-COMTO honors selected individual/individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the transportation industry and supported the advancement of minorities working in various fields of transportation. The 2011 scholarship program recognizes the service, dedication and leadership of the following northeast Texas public officials: Yvonne Davis, Texas State Representative; Allen Clemson, Executive Director of the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA); Jeffrey Fegan, Chief Executive Officer of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), and Gary Thomas, President/Executive Director of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

COMTO-Dallas Chapter Scholarship Program:
The Dallas Chapter-COMTO Scholarship Program is an annual scholarship program that provides financial assistance to locally qualified minority students who are accepted or currently enrolled in a two or four year accredited institution of higher learning and studying in the field of transportation (i.e. aviation, highway, public transportation, rail, ports, etc). Scholarships awards may be granted up to $750 to students enrolled in a two-year accredited college or institution and up to $1,500 to students enrolled in a four-year college, institution, or university within the academic year. The Dallas Chapter-COMTO Scholarship Committee will review and consider applications on a case-by-case base. The Committee reserves the right to change the amount and/or number of scholarships awarded through the program.

Dallas Chapter-COMTO Scholarship eligibility requirements and the application package are available at www.dallascomto.org. Deadline to submit applications for 2011 Dallas-COMTO Scholarships is April 30, 2011. Completed applications packets information must be submitted COMTO Dallas Chapter, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 130896, Dallas, Texas 75313.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Annual Scholarship Awards program. In the event that no qualified applicants apply, Dallas Chapter-COMTO reserves the right to withhold the scholarship funds. For additional information, please contact Dr. Audrey Andrews at 214-534-7888 or email alandrews@hntb.com.
SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES
Previous or current scholarship recipients may reapply for Dallas Chapter-COMTO Scholarships; however, consideration will be based on applicants whose qualifications and need meet and/or exceed eligibility requirements.

Eligibility/Requirements:
• Applicant must be a US citizen and reside within the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area or surrounding communities and counties in the northeast Texas region
• Applicant must be in the process of completing his/her senior year of high school and be accepted, currently attending, or enrolled in a two or four year accredited institution of higher learning within the academic school year in which the application was submitted
• Applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
• Applicant must submit a completed application package and meet submission deadlines within the academic year and as outlined in the scholarship guidelines
• Applicant must demonstrate an interest and be studying in an area associated with the transportation industry (i.e. aviation, highway, public transportation, rail, ports, etc)

Application Process:
• Submit Completed Application Packet on or before April 30, 2011.
• A member of the Dallas Chapter-COMTO Scholarship Committee will notify applicants selected to receive a scholarship. A written notification and confirmation will be sent to selected recipients

Scholarship Package SHALL Include:
• Completed Scholarship Application Form
• A personal letter outlining applicant’s student and/or professional experience, qualifications, community involvement, leadership abilities, activities, area of interest in the transportation industry, and future plans
• Official high school and/or college transcript
• Two (2) completed Reference Forms, one of which shall be completed by a member of the applicant's academic community
Evaluation/Selection Criteria:
The Dallas Chapter-COMTO Scholarship Committee will screen all applications based on the following criteria: (1) academic performance, (2) community service experience, (3) extracurricular activities, (4) leadership activities, and (5) applicant’s interest in the transportation field. Applicants may be required to meet with members of the Dallas Chapter-COMTO Scholarship Selection Committee.

For additional information, or to download the application package, please visit: www.dallascomto.org or contact Dr. Audrey Andrews by telephone at 214-534-7888 or emailalandrews@hntb.com.