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Convenience Distribution Association Announces 2026 Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Scholarship Winners

MAY 14, 2026 – RESTON, VA – The Convenience Distribution Association (CDA) is pleased to announce the recipients of its third annual Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Scholarship Program, The Drive to Thrive: CDL Scholarship Program. This program provides distributor member company employees with an opportunity to grow their careers to become commercial truck drivers. The scholarship program provides 10 recipients with up to \$5,000 toward training at a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) certified CDL training center. The program is funded by the CDA Distributors Education Foundation (DEF).

After a rigorous and anonymous selection process, the judging panel has chosen 10 exceptional distributor member company employees to receive the scholarships. Learn more about the 2026 recipients below.

D'Carlos Drane has worked for S. Abraham & Sons, Inc. for one year. He is a HiLo operator based in Indianapolis, IN. Drane sees obtaining his CDL as an opportunity to build a long-term career in transportation. He is known for his initiative and strong understanding of company operations.

Joshua Edens has worked for Modern Distributors for four years. He is a c-store delivery driver based in Somerset, KY. Gaining a CDL will help advance his driving career and coaching role. With top attendance and safety rankings, Edens is recognized for his consistency and strong customer service skills.

Fabian Fairman has worked for Resnick Distributors for almost two years. He is a delivery driver based in New Brunswick, NJ. A proven hardworking driver, pursuing his CDL is Fairman's next big career step. Fairman's attention to detail, respectful attitude and driven mindset set him apart.

Robert Foil Jr. has worked for W.L. Petrey Wholesale, Inc. for more than six years. He is a helper based in Montgomery, AL. Earning his CDL will give Foil the opportunity to advance his career and further develop his skills. He stands out for his discipline and hands-on experience in delivery operations.

Angel Garcia has worked for Capitol Distributing, Inc. for three-and-a-half years. He is a yard assistant based in Caldwell, ID. Garcia is pursuing his CDL to grow within the company and is recognized for his determination, adaptability and commitment to improvement.

Jerry Massingale has worked for Modern Distributors for four years. He is a c-store delivery driver based in Somerset, KY. Earning his CDL represents a meaningful next step in his career progression. Massingale is a valued employee known for his efficiency, accuracy and ownership mentality.

Donnie Roberts has worked for Harbor Wholesale Foods for nearly 33 years. He is a non-CDL delivery driver based in Lacey, WA. Roberts is pursuing his CDL to expand his qualifications and take on greater responsibility. His extensive state route knowledge and reliability set him apart.

Treyvion Smith has worked for SpartanNash for three years. He is a forklift operator based in Oklahoma City, OK. Smith comes from a family of truck drivers and, as a Wall of Fame inductee and Lift Driver of the Month, he is known for his high performance, motivation and positive attitude.

ZaQuinston Sparkman has worked for Grocery Supply Company for more than two years. He is a driver helper based in Brenham, TX. Sparkman is a dedicated employee in the company's transportation operations, widely recognized for his dependability, initiative and work ethic.

Joshua Travis has worked for Grocery Supply Company for almost two years. He is a driver helper based in Sulphur Springs, TX. Travis is eager to grow his career to better support his family. Recognized as both Driver Helper and Helping Hand of the Year, he stands out for his dependability and strong work ethic.

CDA's Distributors Education Foundation (DEF) is focused on addressing the shortage of CDL holders by offering The Drive to Thrive: CDL Scholarship Program for employees of distributor member companies who are interested in becoming commercial drivers. We are honored to support these talented and committed employees on their journeys toward obtaining their CDLs. Congratulations to all scholarship winners, and we wish them the best of luck.

To learn more about The Drive to Thrive: CDL Scholarship Program, visit www.cdaweb.net/CDL.

About CDA:

The Convenience Distribution Association (CDA) is the trade organization working on behalf of convenience product distributors in the United States. Its distributor members represent more than \$110 billion in U.S. convenience product sales, serving a wide variety of small retail formats. Associate members include leading convenience product manufacturers, brokers, retailers, suppliers, and others allied to the industry. For more information, visit www.cdaweb.net.

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