

## WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field.

The scholarship honors Sharon D. Banks, chief executive officer of AC Transit in Alameda-Contra Costa County, California. As its CEO throughout most of the 1990's, Banks led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public transit workforce. She was a member of the WTS Advisory Board and received the WTS San Francisco Chapter Woman of the Year and Employer of the Year awards.

The WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship is **\$5,000**. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in a transportation- related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance, or logistics.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Membership within WTS is NOT a requirement but is highly encouraged. Local awards will be presented at the WTS HOT Chapter Gala in 2025 in Austin, Texas. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2025, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed on the application for specifics. Completed applications must be received electronically or in hard copy form no later than

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## WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Application

	Name				
	Last	First	Middle		
	E-mail Address				
	Primary Phone				
	Current Address (Street, Ci	ty, State, Zipj:			
	Permanent Address (Street,	City, State, Zip):			
	Educational Background				
			City, State		
	Expected Date of Graduat				
	Degree to be Received				
	Area of Concentration				
	Grade Point Average				
	(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Attach official copy of transcript to application.) Previous				
	Colleges/Universities Attended, Date Degree Earned and GPA:				
		offices held and awards re	rofessional or community activities yo		

W	Work Experience (List full-time, part-time, co-op and summer employment. Briefly describe duties and responsibilities. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as typed word documents.)		
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	<b>ecommendation</b> : Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must application.		
after addresseleader	ersonal Statement: A statement about your career goals and/or continuing education graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Applicants must ss the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant's rship achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach to application form as ed word document.		
VI. Pr	roof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.		
pursu ask th	Demographic Information: WTS is committed to recognizing the achievements of students ing transportation related degrees. To track our progress in reaching diverse applicants, we at you complete this confidential demographic information. This is not required for arship awards and will not be used in the selection process.		
1	Race/Ethnicity (select all that apply)  Asian  Black  East Indian  Hispanic/Latino  Indigenous  Middle Eastern  Multiracial  Pacific Islander  White  Other (please write in)  Choose not to disclose		

2	Age  □15-18  □19-23  □24-30  □31-50  □50+	
4	Anticipated or Current Mode of Transportation that apply)  Aviation  Freight  Highway/Auto  Maritime/Port  Multi-modal  Non-Motorized  Passenger  Transit  Other (please write in)  How did you hear about this scholarship?  Friend  School/Teacher  Social Media:  Facebook  Instagram  LinkedIn  Snapchat  TikTok  Twitter  YouTube  Other (please write in)  WTS Chapter  WTS International Website  Other (please write in)	
Applica	ant Signature	Date