

SHARON D. BANKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2025, BY MIDNIGHT

Note to applicant:

PLEASE use this checklist to ensure you've included all requirements of the submittal. All items on this checklist MUST be submitted for your application to be accepted.

Personal Information

Educational Background

Employment History

Letter of recommendation by a professor or supervisor

Personal Statement

Proof of enrollment



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 **\$2,000**.

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 to the WTS Metropolitan St. Louis Chapter as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills.

Scholarship recipients will be honored at our Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner in April 2026.

As the winner of the Chapter Scholarship, your application will be submitted for the National WTS Foundation Scholarship in the amount of **\$5,000**. National awards will be presented during the upcoming WTS Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California, from May 5-7, 2026, 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 for specifics.

Please return the completed electronic application to

jeanne.olubogun@gmail.com

Questions can also be addressed to Jeanne via email or phone call to 314-556-8812.

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WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Application

Date _____

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. Educational Background

Current College/University _____ City, State _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____

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:

Professional or School Affiliations (List any school, professional or community activities you have participated in. Include offices held and awards received. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as typed word documents.)

III. Employment History

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.)

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

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals and/or continuing education after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Applicants must address the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant's leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach to the application form as a typed word document.

VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

VII. Demographic Information: WTS is committed to recognizing the achievements of students pursuing transportation related degrees. To track our progress in reaching diverse applicants, we ask that you complete this confidential demographic information. **This is not required for scholarship 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+

3. Anticipated or Current Mode of Transportation Career Focus (select all that apply)

Aviation
Freight
Highway/Auto
Maritime/Port
Multi-modal
Non-Motorized
Passenger
Transit
Other (please write in)___

4. 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)_____

Applicant Signature_____Date_____