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 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, Sharon led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public-transit work force. 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 Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship is $2,500. The winner at the Colorado Chapter level will automatically be entered for consideration of the WTS International Scholarship award of an additional $5,000. The minimum criteria for selection are:

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

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed Word 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. National awards will be presented on May 21, 2015, and attendance at the awards dinner is strongly recommended. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed below for specifics.

Please return the completed application to:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2014
Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name_________________________________________________________________________

Last                                    First                                         Middle

E-mail address_________________________________________________________________

Primary Phone (___)_____________________________________________________________

Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):
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Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):
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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:

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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.)

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

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals 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 or two pages. Please attach to application form as a typed word document.

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

Applicant Signature_________________________________________ Date___________________

To help us enhance future communications regarding scholarship opportunities, please let us know how you received this application:

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