Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Philadelphia Chapter  
Sylvia Alston Graduate Scholarship Application  
Carmen E. Turner Graduate Scholarship Application

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 Sylvia Alston Graduate Scholarship and the Carmen E. Turner Graduate Scholarship.

Sylvia Alston dedicated her life to transportation and supporting women in transportation. Sylvia spent over twenty years at Amtrak. She wore many hats while at Amtrak but most of us remember her as the Officer of Supplier Diversity. She had extraordinary commitment to WTS and recruited many WTS members that are still active in the Chapter. She received the WTS Philadelphia Member of the Year award in 1996 and was President of the Chapter from 1998 to 2000. She was instrumental in developing the Gateway Membership and the Milestone Award. With her quiet and determined demeanor, she was an excellent leader of the Chapter and an inspiration to all who served with her. The Chapter honors her commitment to WTS by naming a graduate scholarship in her name.

Carmen E. Turner was the General Manager of the Washington (DC) Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA). The first African-American woman to head a major transit system, Ms. Turner held that post from 1983 through December of 1990. Her exceptional abilities were recognized in 1989, when the American Public Transit Association presented her with its Jesse-Haugh Award for Outstanding Transit Managers.

Since Ms. Turner’s untimely death in 1992, the Philadelphia Chapter of WTS has been proud to continue to recognize an exceptional human being and to attempt to continue her achievements and leadership by making our annual contribution to the future in her name.

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:
   a. Open to women
   b. GPA of 3.0 or higher
   c. Currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance or logistics
   d. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field

The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills and academic record. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Local recipients will be announced in early November 2019. The final decision for all scholarship awards is solely within the discretion of the WTS Philadelphia Scholarship Committee.
Winners and a guest will be invited to attend the WTS Philadelphia Annual Awards Dinner in Center City Philadelphia on the evening of December 5, 2019. Attendance at the awards dinner is strongly encouraged.

Local Philadelphia Chapter winners for each scholarship will be advanced for the opportunity to win the WTS International Foundation’s national scholarship award. Winners of the WTS Philadelphia Chapter Sylvia Alston and Carmen E. Turner Graduate Scholarships may be entered at the International Level for one of the graduate level scholarships: the WTS International Helene M. Overly Graduate Scholarship and the WTS Beverley Swaim Staley Legacy Scholarship.

All materials must be submitted electronically in typed word (.doc or .docx) document format. Except for the letter of recommendation, all materials must arrive in a single email with the subject line “WTS Scholarship - <insert your last name>. All materials must be received by **11:59pm on Friday, October 18th, 2019**. All submission materials and questions should be directed to:

**Eva Hayes**  
**WTS Philadelphia Scholarship Chair**  
Scholarships@wtsphiladelphia.org

Incomplete or illegible applications will NOT be reviewed. When all parts of your application have been received, you will receive an email confirmation. The WTS Philadelphia Chapter is very excited to receive your applications and to select the award winners!

For additional information, please refer to our website at:  
[http://www.wtsinternational.org/philadelphia//scholarships/](http://www.wtsinternational.org/philadelphia//scholarships/)
I. Personal Information

Name ________________________________________________

Last __________________________________________ First ___________________________

School E-mail Address __________________________________________

Permanent 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.)

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(s): Two (2) letters of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application. The letter of recommendation may accompany the rest of the application or be sent directly from the recommender separately from the rest of the application materials. Please title email subject line: WTS Recommendation - <applicant’s last name>. Letters of recommendation must be received by the application deadline.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach to application form as a typed word (.doc or .docx) document.

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

VII. Transcript: Attach an official copy of transcript of your most recent year of study to application that includes your current semester course load. First year graduate students may submit their undergraduate transcript. Digital transcripts must bear a digital verification and/or be signed and dated by a counselor, professor, or program coordinator. Applicants must also include a current semester course load, if not already listed in transcripts.

VIII. Applicant’s Biography: A one (1) paragraph statement describing the applicant’s background, schooling, focus of degree, academic accomplishments, and interest in the transportation industry. (Note, if selected for a scholarship, this paragraph will be utilized in the event program.) Please attach to application form as a typed word (.doc or .docx) document.

Applicant Signature____________________________________ Date___________________