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Dear Collegiate Professional:

The Washington DC Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) asks your assistance in publicizing our annual undergraduate and graduate scholarship competition. We hope you will make the enclosed information available to your top students with an interest in transportation-related careers.

WTS is an international organization of transportation professionals who are committed to career and industry excellence. While WTS has both male and female members, one of its primary goals is to promote professional development opportunities for women in transportation-related careers. Through more than 30 chapters in the U.S., Canada, and England and with a membership of over 4,000 individuals, WTS provides seminars, newsletters, scholarships, conferences, and networking opportunities for working professionals.

To encourage women pursuing careers in transportation-related fields in the Washington, D.C. region, our Chapter offers graduate and undergraduate scholarships. We anticipate awarding, at a minimum, one graduate scholarship and one undergraduate scholarship to outstanding students during the 2009 – 2010 school year. The scholarship winners could each receive \$2,500.

Our award recipients for these two scholarships will then be nominated for WTS International recognition--the Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship (graduate level - \$6,000) and the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship (undergraduate level - \$3,000). Additionally, the WTS DC Chapter will accept applications and forward one applicant to be considered for the National Louise Moritz Molitoris Leadership Fund for Undergraduates (\$3,000) and for the newly created President's Legacy Scholarship for graduate students (\$3,000). More information about WTS International scholarships can be found at <http://www.wtsinternational.org/Scholarship.aspx>.

Applicants wishing to be considered by the Washington, DC Chapter must:

1. Be women;
2. Be enrolled in a college or university where they are pursuing a degree in transportation or in a transportation-related field;
3. Have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher;
4. Plan to pursue a career in transportation or a transportation-related field; and
5. Maintain a permanent residence or attend school in the Washington, DC metropolitan area or greater Virginia.

The WTS Washington, DC Chapter will consider each scholarship candidate who meets all of the above criteria and whose complete application package is **received by November 2, 2009**. Note that we cannot accept applications by fax or email.

Applications should be mailed to:

Erin Morrow
WTS-DC Scholarship Chair
c/o Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol St, NE
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

A completed application will consist of the following four items:

1. A WTS Washington, DC Chapter Scholarship Application form, completed in black ink or typewritten and signed by the applicant (applicant may choose to include a résumé as well);
2. A current official transcript (this will also serve as proof of enrollment) and transcripts from any other institutions attended as the applicant has pursued the current degree sought;
3. One reference written specifically with regard to this application from an academic adviser, instructor, or workplace superior (two references if the applicant wishes to be considered for the WTS International President's Legacy Scholarship); and
4. A personal statement not to exceed 500 words (for undergraduate students) or 750 words (for graduate students) describing the applicant's professional and/or school activities and affiliations as well as her commitment to the transportation field. Undergraduate students also wishing to be considered for the WTS International Molitoris Leadership Scholarship should specifically address the issue of leadership on their personal statement. For graduate students also wishing to be considered for the WTS International President's Legacy Scholarship, an additional 250 words may be written by the applicant specifically addressing how her education will equip her to better serve her community's needs and transportation issues.

Applicants will be evaluated based on their specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills, and academic record. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Financial need is not a primary criterion for selection. The WTS-DC Chapter Board will select the recipient(s), notify all applicants of their decision by late November, and nominate the Chapter's winners for WTS International award consideration. The WTS-DC scholarship awards will be presented at the WTS-DC Annual Holiday Party, Silent Auction and Awards Ceremony on December 3, 2009.

WTS appreciates your assistance in its effort to provide tangible support to women who are pursuing careers in transportation. Please encourage all eligible students to apply, and do not hesitate to photocopy and distribute this letter and the enclosed application form. If you have any questions, please contact me at wtsdc_scholarship@yahoo.com. Thank you and I look forward to receiving applications from your most qualified students.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Morrow
WTS - DC Chapter Scholarship Chair



Advancing Women in Transportation

2009-2010 WTS-DC Scholarship Application

Due November 2, 2009

I AM APPLYING FOR (check one) Undergraduate Graduate

Your completed application must include (1) this signed application form or a clearly written substitute, (2) a current official transcript and official or unofficial transcripts from schools previously attended, (3) a letter of reference, and (4) your personal statement. If you have a resume noting employment or volunteer activities and other training, please also include with your signed application. Please send your application and all supporting documents in one envelope. **Please read this entire application carefully.** Applicants wishing to also be considered for WTS International scholarships may need to submit an additional letter of recommendation or address specific topics in their personal statement. These additional requirements are not necessary to apply for WTS-DC scholarships.

- Minimum requirements:
- Open to women
 - Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - Currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance or logistics
 - Plan to pursue a career in a transportation-related field
 - Maintain a permanent residence or attend school in the Washington, DC metropolitan area or greater Virginia.

Please return the completed application to:
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 Washington, DC 20002

I. Contact Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Address _____
Street
City State Zip Telephone ()

E-mail address _____

Permanent Address _____
Street
City State Zip Telephone ()

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. Official copy of transcript required.)



Previous Colleges/Universities Attended:

College/University	Dates Attended	Degree Received GPA	Major/Minor or Concentration
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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; include this and additional information on resume, if necessary.)

III. Employment History. Provide brief description on any full-time, part-time, co-op and summer employment in your resume and attach it with the application.

IV. Attached is a **letter of recommendation** from _____ (print name of professor or job supervisor). *Graduate student applicants wishing to be considered for the WTS International President Legacy Scholarship should attach a second recommendation.*

IV. 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 for undergraduate applicants, or 750 words for graduate applicants. Please attach to application form. *For undergraduate students wishing to be considered for the Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship, applicants must address the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career and the applicant's leadership achievements. For graduate students wishing to be considered for the President's Legacy Scholarship, you may also address in up to 250 words your vision of how your education will equip you to better serve your community's needs and transportation issues.*

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

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: Please type or print in black ink on this form and provide all information requested neatly on separate sheet/sheets (resumé, transcript(s), etc.) Be sure your name and school appear clearly on each item submitted as part of your application.