



Friends of Transit Scholarship for Graduate and Undergraduate Students

In partnership with WTS, the Friends of Transit Scholarship is awarded to an applicant pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in public transit or a transportation related field. Recognizing that public transit and transportation systems are complex in nature and require multiple professional disciplines to effectively plan, build and operate, studies could include, but are not limited to: public administration, architecture, engineering, construction, transportation management, logistics, sustainability, etc. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be currently enrolled in a full-time graduate or undergraduate degree program in a public transit or transportation related field with the plan to pursue a career in the transportation industry. Applicants must be able to demonstrate strong leadership skills and campus and community involvement.

This scholarship is in the amount of \$2,500 and is offered on the local level only.

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- a. Open to men and women
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher
- c. Currently enrolled in a graduate degree or undergraduate degree program with a declared major in a transit or transportation-related field (see above). A focus in public transit is preferred.
- d. Plans to pursue a career emphasizing transportation/urban planning.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed documents. The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills and academic record.

Please return the completed application to:

Barbara Ritter, Phoenix Metropolitan Chapter Scholarship Director
c/o Maricopa County Department of Transportation
2901 W. Durango St.
Phoenix, Az 85019

Or electronically to:

WTSMetroPhoenix@gmail.com

Applications must be returned to your local chapter no later than November 29, 2019.

Checks will be issued at the WTS Metropolitan Phoenix Annual Awards Ceremony.

For any questions, please contact Barbara Ritter at 602.248.7962 or at Barbara.Ritter@maricopa.gov.

How to Create a Successful Scholarship Application

When applying for a WTS Scholarship, please keep the following in mind to be sure your application gets the utmost consideration:

1. Review the requirements of the scholarship carefully and be sure that you meet all criteria.
 - a. Some scholarships are open only to graduate students while other scholarships are for undergraduate students.
 - b. Some scholarships have a minimum GPA requirement and will be looking at your transcripts to show your commitment to transportation and career trajectory.
 - c. Some scholarships ask you to highlight your career goals, leadership experience and commitment to transportation.
 - d. Please include a paragraph on how you will support the goals of WTS.
2. Be sure to submit supporting documentation with your application as required by the scholarship:
 - a. GPA/Transcripts
 - b. Recommendation Letters
 - c. Personal Statement
 - d. Proof of Enrollment
3. Be sure your personal statement and your goals support your commitment to transportation and a career in a transportation-related industry. Highlight organizations you belong to and how your participation has helped you. Include internships and volunteer work in your resume.
4. Proof read! Have someone review your submitted application and personal statement to catch errors and misspelled words (especially the name of the scholarship). Writing skills and career goals as reflected in the personal statement are given greater weight for undergraduate students than curriculum given that there has been less opportunity to participate in courses directly related to transportation.

Scholarship Checklist

- Verify scholarship requirements are met
- Transcripts are attached
- Correct number of recommendation letters attached
- Personal Statement attached
- Proof of Enrollment attached
- Application and personal statement have been thoroughly reviewed for grammar, spelling and punctuation

Friends of Transit Scholarship for Graduate Application

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: Two letters 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. Please include a paragraph on your support of the goals of WTS now and in the future. Statement should not exceed 500 words. 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 _____