

## WTS Metropolitan Phoenix Chapter Returning Student Scholarship for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

WTS Metropolitan Phoenix Chapter Returning Student Scholarship is awarded to a woman, or women, currently employed in a transportation-related career and pursing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a transportation-related field. This scholarship is in the amount of up to \$3,000 and is offered on the local level only.

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- a. Open to women
- b. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in a transportation-related field
- c. Applications for certificate programs will be considered
- d. Plans to continue their career in the transportation industry

Applications must be submitted electronically through local WTS chapter as typed documents. The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific field of study, job skills and commitment to advancing their career in transportation. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Please return the completed application electronically to:

Barbara Ritter, Phoenix Metropolitan Chapter Scholarship Director 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 602.768.0094 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                                       |
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| 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  |

## WTS Metropolitan Phoenix Chapter Returning Student Scholarship Application

## I. Personal Information 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 current employer as well as any previous full-time, part-time, coop and summer employment in the transportation industry. Briefly describe duties and responsibilities. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as typed Word documents.) IV. Career Goals Please describe your career goals and how your current educational pursuits enhance your current position or prepare you for advancement in the transportation industry. 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. V. Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application. VII. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card. VIII. Reimbursement: How much of your educational expense are you responsible for that will not be reimbursed by your employer:

Applicant Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_