**2020-2021**

**WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate 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 WTS 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, Banks led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public transit workforce. 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 WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship is $1,500 awarded by the WTS Greater Indianapolis Chapter and $5,000 awarded to the WTS International winner. The minimum criteria for selection are:

1. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. Currently enrolled in a undergraduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance, or logistics.
3. Will be enrolled for Fall 2021 classes
4. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
5. Attends a school in Indiana.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters **electronically** and 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. The Indianapolis Chapter awards will be presented at the annual scholarship event to be held in Indianapolis, IN in the Spring of 2021. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference and attendance at the awards dinner is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with travel arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed on the application for specifics.

Questions may be sent via e-mail to [wts.indianapolis@gmail.com](mailto:wts.indianapolis@gmail.com) or directly to Abby Browder, the WTS Indianapolis Scholarship Chair at [abby.browder@ucindy.com](mailto:abby.browder@ucindy.com).

The application may be downloaded here:

<https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/indianapolis/document-gallery>

***Completed applications must be received by your local chapter no later than:***

***Friday, November 20, 2020***

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## I. Personal Information

Name

Last First Middle

#### Student E-mail address:

#### Permanent E-mail address:

Primary Phone:

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

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

## Educational Background

#### Current College/University:

#### City, State:

Expected Date of Graduation:

Area of Concentration: Civil Engineering, Transportation and Infrastructure Systems 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.)

## 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 (2) letters of recommendation by a professor, advisor 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 course registration.

Applicant Signature: Date: