



WTS Sharon D. Banks/Jacquelyn R. Smith Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

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-Boston scholarship honors Jacqueline R. Smith Memorial in memory of a pioneer who was an early leader in transportation and WTS-Boston. Jacqueline Smith served as a member of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, was a member of the Massachusetts Port Authority Board of Directors, was Selectman for the Town of Lexington, and served as WTS-Boston Vice President from 1988-1989.

The Boston Chapter Jacquelyn R. Smith undergraduate scholarship is \$4,000. The recipient is then forwarded to the **WTS Foundation for consideration for the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000.** The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance, or logistics.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
- d. If a person applies for more than one scholarship in the same year, that applicant can only be awarded one of the scholarships – the applicant will be awarded the scholarship that best suits them and the runner-up will be awarded the other.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters 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. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2021, and attendance during the awards

ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection.

Please return your completed application to:

**Erica Blonde, WTS-Boston Scholarships & Awards Committee Co-Chair, at:
wtsbostonawards@gmail.com. All complete scholarship applications are due by Wednesday,
December 23rd, 2020.**

WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship 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: Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals and/or continuing education 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. 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 _____