



WTS Western North Carolina STEM Camp Scholarship 2021

WTS International is an international organization with over 6,000 members dedicated to the professional advancement of women in transportation careers. WTS chapters work to make a difference in the lives of girls by offering programs and activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation and encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry. Awarding scholarships to girls pursuing school studies in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is one way that WTS International encourages future interest in transportation-related professions.

The WTS Western North Carolina Chapter will be offering **three** STEM Camp Scholarships for the summer of 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$250 each, to be paid directly to the STEM-based camp of your choice. Transportation to the camp will be the responsibility of the awarded scholar.

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- A. Open to girls ages 10-17.
- B. Residing in western North Carolina (areas included in Regional Council regions A, B, C, D or E - see map at <http://www.ncregions.org/regional-councils/>; counties including Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Swain, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey)
- C. GPA of 2.5 or higher (or demonstration of equivalent school performance).
- D. Interested in learning more about the natural world, math, science, or transportation-related studies.
- E. A letter of recommendation from a transportation, science, engineering, math, or technology teacher or professional.

Applications must be submitted through WTS Western NC chapter. This scholarship is competitive and based on the applicant's specific goals, academic record and science and transportation-related activities and interests. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Please return the completed application electronically to WTSofWNC@gmail.com (put "summer camp scholarship" in the subject line) by the end of business day on Friday April 16, 2021.



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Applications may also be mailed to WTS WNC Chapter, PO Box 743, Asheville, NC 28802. Electronic submissions are preferred.

The award will be announced by Friday April 30, 2021.

One applicant will be selected and notified, and a scholarship check from WTS Western NC will be made out to the camp of the selected applicant's choice. Please indicate the camp's name and mailing information for payment. Please note that the family of the student will be responsible for paying the remaining balance if camp costs exceed \$250.

Summer camp programs targeted for this application are expected to contribute to learning about the natural world and the environment, math, science or engineering and transportation studies in some ways. Summer camp locations are not limited to western North Carolina. Due to COVID restrictions, some camps may be canceled or have limited space. It is up to the camper's family to secure a spot at the camp of choice. Examples of eligible summer camp programs include but are not limited to:

- Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) Summer Day Camp (Asheville, UNCA Campus) <http://ashevillescience.org/education/summer-camp/>
- Muddy Sneakers Trail Blazers camp (Brevard, Hendersonville) <https://muddysneakers.org/camp/camp-registration/camp-sessions>
- YWCA Summer Camp Programs such as PEP Science Explorers, PEP Tech and Seek, PEP in the Water, PEP Saves the Planet or similar themed camps, 2020 info posted at <https://ywcacm.org/camp/>
- Other science, natural world, math, engineering and STEM-related summer camp programs

Applications must be returned to the WTS Western NC chapter no later than April 16th, 2021.



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Application

I. Personal Information

Student's Name _____
Last First Middle

Parent's or Guardian's Name _____
Last First Middle

Best Phone Number to Reach You: _____

Current Address _____
Street

_____ City State Zip

E-mail address _____

II. Educational Background

School _____ City, State _____

Current Grade Level (6, 7, high school sophomore, etc.)

Areas of Interest _____

Grade Point Average _____ (Minimum GPA of 2.5 required, or demonstration of equivalent school performance. Attach a copy of latest available report card or school progress report.)

Professional or school affiliations, volunteer, and community activities (List any school, professional or community and volunteer activities in which you have participated. Include offices held and awards received.)

III. Summer Camp

Name of camp _____

Target dates of attendance _____

Cost/week _____



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Phone number/email _____

Camp Mailing Address _____

IV. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a teacher, counselor or STEM professional must accompany your application. Can be emailed separately to WTSofWNC@gmail.com with the student's name and summer camp in the subject.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your future studies interests, how this particular summer camp would contribute to further development of your interests, and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words or two pages. Please attach to application form.

Student
Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____