



WTS Sharon D. Banks 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 WTS Metropolitan Phoenix does this is by awarding the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship to **women pursuing undergraduate studies** in transportation or a related field.

The scholarship honors Sharon D. Banks, chief executing 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 Metropolitan Phoenix Chapter awards **\$2,500** to the winner of the Sharon D. Banks Scholarship. The scholarship application is then forwarded to the WTS International Foundation to compete for the International award, an additional **\$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.

Applications must be submitted through WTS Metropolitan Phoenix as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Local scholarship winners are strongly encouraged to attend the local awards ceremony, date TBA. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in Seattle in May 2022, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Awards banquet seats and conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Travel expenses are not included.

Submit the completed application no later than **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**. Submit applications to metrophoenix@wtsinternational.org. Applications must include the subject line "**Banks Application – Last Name**".

Please direct any questions to Scholarship Director Ellie Volosin: ellie.volosin@gmail.com or 602-882-0562.

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.)

Application Check List

Have you...

- Ensured that you meet all the minimum requirements
- Included the following application materials
 - Completed application form (with additional sheets as needed)
 - Transcript
 - 1 Letter of Recommendation
 - Personal Statement specific to this scholarship
 - Proof of Enrollment
- Had your application materials proofread
- Completed the anonymous demographics survey to help us ensure we are reaching a diverse audience of potential applicants
- Sent all your application materials to metrophoenix@wtsinternational.org with the subject line "Banks Application – Last Name"