

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.

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I. Personal Information

Name First Middle Last 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.)

Work Experience (List full-time, part-time, co-op and summer employment. Briefly de duties and responsibilities. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as typed word documents.)	scribe
	
	
	
	
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. Applicant address the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant's leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please at application form as a typed word document.	cants
VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card	d.
VII. Demographic Information: WTS is committed to recognizing the achievements of stupursing transportation related degrees. To track our progress in reaching diverse applicant ask that you complete this confidential demographic information. This is not required for scholarship awards. Information will not be tied to your scholarship application. Please follow the link here to complete a survey of demographic information. This survey not be linked to your application. Note that you only need to complete the survey once, or you are applying for multiple scholarships. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LXSKDLK	nts, we r will
\square I have completed the survey online	
☐ I decline to provide this information	
Applicant SignatureDate	

III. Employment History

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"