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### WTS Foundation Announces New Scholarship Opportunities

The WTS Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to attracting the next generation of a diverse transportation workforce through scholarship and education, announces the creation of a new scholarship for undergraduate and graduate women students pursuing a degree and/ or career in a transportation-related area.

The newly formed, Corporate Sponsor Scholarships, each of a value of \$5,000, are supported by WTS International Strategic Level Partners. In its inaugural year, the WTS Foundation is offering three (3) Corporate Sponsor Scholarships generously supported by HDR, HNTB, and WSP.

"We are thrilled to offer three new scholarships this year. The support and generosity of our Strategic Partners HDR, HNTB, and WSP has made this possible, and we are incredibly grateful to them," says Jannet Walker-Ford, Chair, WTS Foundation and Senior Vice President & Principal Director, National Transit & Rail Business Line Leader, WSP. "Providing additional scholarship opportunities is the realization of the WTS Foundation mission as we financially support women interested in pursuing careers in transportation. Financial support is critical in ensuring that we are attracting diverse backgrounds and experiences into the industry."

The WTS Foundation provides over \$600,000 annually through the Foundation and its Chapters to deserving and impressive young women pursuing careers in transportation. In addition to the newly established Corporate Sponsor Scholarship, the WTS Foundation awards six (6) additional scholarships to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students.

"Providing opportunities for young women to pursue education and training is a core pillar of WTS. We are working to attract the next generation of a diverse and inclusive workforce, from students through professionals," says Sara Stickler, President & CEO, WTS International. "I continue to be inspired by the support of our transportation community, including our Strategic Partners HDR, HNTB, and WSP, in



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supporting our efforts to prepare students to join and champion a more accessible and equitable transportation industry.”

The Corporate Sponsor Scholarship application is now open and will close on March 11, 2022. Scholarships will be awarded at the WTS Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about the scholarship and apply, visit <http://www.wtsinternational.org/mission/foundation/scholarships>.

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The WTS Foundation is the 501(c)3 arm of WTS International. The WTS Foundation is committed to advancing women in transportation by expanding existing scholarship opportunities to women pursuing transportation related degrees, providing and promoting educational opportunities and career development, and initiating, sponsoring, and publishing research related to advancing women in transportation. WTS International is dedicated to creating a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable transportation industry through the global advancement of women. WTS is: Advancing women; advancing transportation.