



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 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 Northeast Florida Chapter** is accepting applications for the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship through **January 6, 2023**. Undergraduate students seeking a degree from a college or university in Northeast Florida or who have a permanent residence in Northeast Florida* are encouraged to apply.

The recipient of the WTS Northeast Florida Chapter scholarship will receive up to a **\$1,000** scholarship and a complimentary WTS Northeast Florida Chapter student membership. The recipient is encouraged to make the most of the Chapter membership by participating in our monthly inspiring programs and behind the scenes tours designed to educate our members on various transportation related topics. One local recipient's winning application will also be sent to WTS Foundation for consideration of the National 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.

**Students must either have a permanent residence or attend school within Northeast Florida, which is considered Baker County, Clay County, Columbia County, Duval County, Flagler County, Nassau County, and St. Johns County.*

Applications must be submitted to the WTS Northeast Florida Chapter as typed **Word or PDF 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 2023, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements.

The WTS Northeast Florida Chapter will also recognize each winner, details will be provided when available.

To apply, applicants must complete the following steps:

1. Email completed application and supporting documents to northeastfloridawts@gmail.com and cheryl@go321strategies.com
2. Please have official transcript mailed to the following address:

Cheryl Freeman
Scholarship Chair
WTS Northeast Florida Chapter
PO Box 41201
Jacksonville, FL 32203

Please direct any questions to Cheryl Freeman, WTS Northeast Florida Chapter Scholarship Chair, at 904-608-8751 or cheryl@go321strategies.com. Additional information about WTS and the scholarship program can be found on the WTS International website wtsinternational.org.

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST:

- Completed Scholarship Application, including signature page (Parts I – III) Email
- Official College Transcript (Part II) Mail
- Letters of Recommendation (Part IV) Email
- Personal Statement (Part V) Email
- Proof of Enrollment (Part VI) Email

Applications must be returned to your local **WTS Northeast Florida Chapter** no later than **January 6, 2023, by 2:00 PM EST**.

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 in which you have participated. 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.

VII. Demographic Information: WTS is committed to recognizing the achievements of students pursuing transportation related degrees. To track our progress in reaching diverse applicants, we ask that you complete this confidential demographic information. **This is not required for scholarship awards and will not be used in the selection process.**

1. Race/Ethnicity (select all that apply)

- Asian
- Black
- East Indian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Indigenous
- Middle Eastern
- Multiracial
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Other (Please write in) _____
- Choose Not to Disclose

2. Age

- 15-18
- 19-23
- 24-30
- 31-50
- 50 +

3. Anticipated or Current Mode of Transportation Career Focus (select all that apply)

- Aviation
- Freight
- Highway/Auto
- Maritime/Port
- Multi-Modal
- Non-Motorized
- Passenger
- Transit
- Other (Please write in)

4. How did you hear about this scholarship?

- Friend
- School/Teacher
- Social Media:
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - LinkedIn
 - Snapchat
 - TikTok
 - Twitter
 - YouTube
 - Other (Please write in)_____
- WTS Chapter
- WTS International Website
- Other (Please write in)_____

Applicant Signature_____Date_____