



2023 WTS CAPITAL SUMMIT FAQs

WHAT IS THE WTS FOUNDATION?

The [WTS Foundation](#) is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization (WTS Foundation Federal ID Number is 26-4058230) launched in 2009 to support the advancement of women in transportation by: Expanding existing scholarship opportunities to women pursuing transportation related degrees; Providing and promoting educational opportunities and career development to advance women in transportation; and Initiating, sponsoring and publishing related research.

WHAT IS THE CAPITAL SUMMIT?

The **WTS 2023 Capital Summit**, formerly the D.C. Summit, is the signature program of the WTS Foundation's Transportation YOU initiative. This onsite summer program brings high school and undergraduate students (Mentees) and transportation professionals (Mentors) to the D.C. area for an immersive experience showcasing a variety of careers in transportation.

WHERE AND WHEN WILL THE 2023 SUMMIT BE HELD?

The 2023 Capital Summit will be held from June 25–29, 2023 at the [University of Maryland, College Park](#) campus.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

WTS Members, high school (10th, 11th, and 12th graders – “Student Mentees”) and undergraduate college students (“College Counselors”) are eligible for the 2023 Capital Summit. WTS members who wish to be Mentors may apply for themselves and up to three (3) high school-Mentees. College-age participants may apply without a WTS mentor. Student mentees should have completed the 9th grade (entering 10th graders) through 12th grade (recent HS graduates), and must apply through a WTS Chapter. The student must be able to attend all four days of the program. The student must attain the consent of a legal guardian upon registration.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY TO THE SUMMIT?

The deadline to apply is **March 10, 2023**.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS, WHO PAYS, AND WHAT IS INCLUDED?

For WTS mentors and high school-age mentees, the cost to attend is \$2,000 per participant. A discount will be offered for each additional student mentee participant. For example:

- 1 WTS mentor + 1 mentee: \$4,000 (\$2,000 per person) total
- 1 WTS mentor + 2 mentees: \$5,500 total
- 1 WTS mentor + 3 mentees: \$7,000 total

College-age participants, "College Counselors," are complimentary for the Capital Summit (**positions are limited**).

All food and housing costs are included. All travel arrangements and costs to and from the Capital Summit are the responsibility of the Mentor and Mentee.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM LOOK LIKE?

The four-day program includes classroom sessions on transportation modes and issues as well as leadership activities and tours around the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Tours and activities in past Summits have included behind-the-scenes operations at the Washington Area Metro Authority, visits to the U.S. Capitol and U.S. Department of Transportation, and hands-on STEM and leadership activities.

SAMPLE AGENDA

Saturday June 24, 2023: Arrival Day

Thursday June 29, 2023: Departure Day

DAY ONE | Sunday June 25, 2023

*Classroom Sessions/Panels
Leadership Teambuilding
Daily Wrap-up
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner!*

DAY THREE | Tuesday June 27, 2023

*Opening Session
Morning and Afternoon Tours
Daily Wrap-up
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner!*

DAY TWO | Monday June 26, 2023

*Opening Session
Morning and Afternoon Tours
Daily Wrap-up
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner!*

DAY FOUR | Wednesday June 28, 2023

*Opening Session
Morning and Afternoon Tours
Daily Wrap-up
Breakfast and Lunch
Leadership and Networking Dinner*

WHAT WILL THE CONSENT FORM ASK PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS TO AGREE TO?

The consent form will ask parents or legal guardians to consent to their child participating in the Summit program with other youth from across North America, as well as adult members of WTS as Mentors (who have been screened including criminal background check). It will also ask parents or legal guardians to consent to a photo and video release. The consent form will also allow parents to indicate special accommodations requests for their child. The consent forms will be sent to the chapter once registrations are confirmed and can be sent to parents for electronic signature.

WHERE ARE STUDENTS HOUSED?

Homesickness happens, but we are excited to provide an excellent opportunity for high school students to get a taste of a typical college experience! Student mentees will be housed in supervised UMD dormitories. Dorms are secured and accessible by pre-coded key and monitored by both UMD and WTS International Staff.

STUDENT MENTEES STAY IN THE VERY COOL DORMS, GOT IT. WHERE ARE MENTORS HOUSED?

Mentors will be housed in the nearby (and on-campus!) [UMD Hotel](#).

HOW IS TRAVEL TO AND FROM UMD ARRANGED?

Travel arrangements are the responsibility of applicants. WTS International and the WTS Foundation do not supply support for travel arrangements or payment.

I'M A STUDENT MEMBER OF A CHAPTER WITHOUT A TRANSPORTATION YOU PROGRAM – CAN I STILL APPLY?

Students **can** apply even through Chapters that don't have official Transportation YOU programs. See below regarding WTS member participants/volunteers.

WHERE CAN WTS CHAPTERS FIND STUDENTS WHO MAY WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Chapters with Transportation YOU programs can reach out to current or past participants. Chapters with established relationships with schools or youth organizations like Girl Scouts can reach out to those contacts. If a chapter does not yet have a Transportation YOU program or relationship with a school or youth organization, what an excellent reason to make a first contact! If you are interested in finding out where other WTS Chapters have successfully made meaningful connections in their cities and regions, pose a question in the [MyWTS Communities](#).

WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION POLICY?

All cancellation requests must be made in writing to WTSF@wtsinternational.org with the subject line "2023 Capital Summit Registration Cancellation Request." You may request to cancel your registration up to fifteen (15) days before the date and time of the program (June 10, 2023) for a full refund or a transfer to a mentor or mentee – please note that these are **requests** for cancellation and are **not guaranteed**. Any requests for cancellations that occur after this time period will be denied. Completed registration for the 2023 Capital Summit is agreement to these terms and conditions.

WHAT ARE THE COVID REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS?

WTS International requires that all attendees, whether it be a mentor or mentee/student, be fully vaccinated in order to attend the 2023 Capital Summit. As of January 2023, a person who is fully vaccinated has **both doses** of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. WTS International follows CDC guidelines on COVID vaccinations and restrictions, and closely monitors the [CDC website](#) for any updates or changes. WTS International also follows and abides by local, state policies, and campus policies regarding masking mandates, etc.

I DON'T HAVE A MENTEE OR A WAY TO FUND ONE THIS YEAR, BUT I WANT TO VOLUNTEER.

Volunteers are always appreciated! As of January 2023, we are well staffed for this program. However, if additional volunteers are needed, WTS members will be notified. We hope to have more information available closer to the event regarding an accurate head count of volunteers.

MY ORGANIZATION IS INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THE 2023 CAPITAL SUMMIT.

Interested in sponsoring? Please email WTSF@wtsinternational.org with the subject line **"2023 Capital Summit Sponsorship."**

WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Please contact WTSF@wtsinternational.org with the subject line **"2023 Capital Summit."**