

2022-2023

WTS Junior College/Trade School Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in transportation. One way it does this is by awarding community, technical, or trade college scholarships to women pursuing transportation-related study at community and trade colleges.

This scholarship is intended for students pursuing an associate or technical degree in transportation-related studies.

The WTS Junior College Scholarship through the Greater Chicago Chapter is **\$1,000**. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. Applicant may be a high school senior or a college student attending school in the Chicagoland area.
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher
- c. Enrolled in a degree program in a transportation-related field at a junior college or trade school in the Chicagoland area.
- d. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
- e. One letter of recommendation
- f. Official transcript
- g. Proof of enrollment
- h. Written essay

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters **electronically**. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. The Chicago Chapter awards will be presented at the annual scholarship event to be held in Chicago, IL in the Summer of 2023. If selected for a scholarship, attendance at the awards event is strongly recommended. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed below for specifics.

Questions may be sent via e-mail to scholarship@wtsgreaterchicago.org.

Word versions of the application form may be downloaded from <https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/greater-chicago/student-info/scholarships>

***Completed applications must be received by your local chapter no later than:
Monday, March 17, 2023.***

Submittal Instructions & Checklists

Instructions for Chicago Public Schools Students

CPS seniors who will be attending high school for the 2022-2023 school year, apply via Academic Works through this [website](#). For questions regarding Academic Works, contact the CPS Scholarship Manager at CollegeScholarships@cps.edu.

Instructions for All Other Students

The requested documents are to be e-mailed following the instructions below.

E-mail: scholarship@wtsgreaterchicago.org:

Subject Line: "Last Name – Scholarship Name" (i.e. "Smith-Junior College Scholarship")

Documents to Include:

- 1. Signed Application Form (pdf)
- 2. Official Transcript or Report Card
 - a. Certified pdf OR
 - b. Direct electronic transfer from school emailed directly to scholarship@wtsgreaterchicago.org
- 3. Recommendation Letter(s)
 - a. Recommender(s) must email their letter directly to scholarship@wtsgreaterchicago.org with the subject line: *Recommendation Letter-"Last Name – Scholarship Name"* (i.e. "Recommendation Letter-Smith-Junior College Scholarship")
 - b. Letter must be on official letterhead
- 4. Personal Statement (pdf)
- 5. Proof of Enrollment (pdf)
- 6. Resume (optional, pdf)

E-mails must be received by 11:59pm CT, March 17, 2023.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Who do I contact with questions regarding the application?

A: Questions can be e-mailed to scholarship@wtsgreaterchicago.org

Q: How do I apply if I am a CPS student?

A: Apply via CPS Academic Works through this [website](#).

Q: How do I apply if I am not a CPS student?

A: Via email and mail per "Instructions for Non Chicago Public Schools Students" on page two of the application package.

Q: Who do I contact with questions regarding Academic Works?

A: Contact the CPS Scholarship Manager at CollegeScholarships@cps.edu.

Q: Can I e-mail my application?

A: See the submittal instructions on page two of the application packet. Select documents are to be submitted via email.

Q: Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

A: Yes. You can apply for all scholarships for which you meet the minimum criteria for selection that are included on page one of the application packet.

Q: Can I apply if I am a part-time student?

A: Yes.

Q: What should I include for my transcript if this is my first semester or I have not started my program yet?

A: Include a transcript from your last program (i.e. high school, another college/university, etc.).

Q: Can I use my student ID as proof of enrollment?

A: No. Examples of proof of enrollment include an official listing of courses which you are currently enrolled in from the registrar's office or a tuition receipt for the current semester. Images from a course catalog do not count.

Q: Are international students eligible to apply?

A: Yes. International students are eligible and encouraged to apply. Students must be attending a school in the Chicagoland area to be eligible for the junior college scholarship from the Greater Chicago Chapter.

Q: Are "dreamers" eligible to apply?

A: Yes. "Dreamers" (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act) are eligible to apply.

Q: When will I be notified if I have been selected for the scholarship award?

A: Students are typically notified if they have been selected for the Greater Chicago Chapter Award by February. Winners of the local chapter award will be nominated for the WTS International Foundation award. Students are typically notified if they have been selected for the International Foundation award by March.

Q: When will scholarship funds be received from the WTS Greater Chicago Chapter?

A: Scholarships will be issued at the annual scholarship awards event in the summer.

Q: Can I apply for a scholarship if I have applied in previous years?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I apply for a scholarship if I am a past recipient?

A: Yes. Past recipients can apply for other chapter scholarships and are not eligible for the specific scholarship award(s) that they have previously won.

I. Personal Information

Name _____
 _____ Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Student E-mail address _____

Permanent E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (_____) _____

Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Social Media (optional):

II. Educational Background

Junior College _____

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:

Previous High School(s) Attended, Graduation Date 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.)

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 teacher, guidance counselor, professor, or job supervisor must accompany your application.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your transportation career goals after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words or two pages.

VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current course registration.

VII. Resume (optional): If you would like your resume forwarded to companies in the Chicago area for potential internship or full-time opportunities, please include a copy with your application. Please note on your resume your anticipated graduation date and if you are looking for an internship or full-time position.

VIII. 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 _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____
(if applicant is a minor)

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1. I am aware that my student is applying for the WTS Junior College/Trade School Scholarship.

- Yes
- No

2. I confirm that I am the Parent and/or Legal Guardian of the student applying for this scholarship.

- Yes
- No

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Date_____