

2022-2023

WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women and girls in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals and students to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship to girls pursuing high school studies in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers young girls ages 13-18 an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. Through the Transportation YOU program and this scholarship, WTS chapters work to make a difference in the lives of young girls by offering opportunities and activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation and encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry.

The WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship through the Greater Chicago Chapter is **\$1,000**. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. Applicant must be a **high school senior** attending school in the Chicagoland area.
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- c. Currently studying math, science, and technology.
- d. Considering a career in a transportation-related field.
- e. One letter of recommendation
- f. Official transcript
- g. Written essays

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 Non-Chicago Public School 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-TYOU Scholarship")

Documents to Include:

- 1. Signed Application Form (pdf)
- 2. Official Transcript
 - 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-TYOU Scholarship")
 - b. Letter must be on official letterhead
- 4. Personal Statement (pdf)
- 5. Statement of Interest (pdf)
- 6. Resume (optional, pdf)

E-mail 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 with a complete package submitted via mail if you are not a CPS student.

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: 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 a high school 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.

Transportation YOU High School Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Permanent E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (_____) _____

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

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

Social Media (optional):

II. Educational Background

Current High School _____

City, State _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____

Area of Concentration _____

Grade Point Average _____

(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Attach official copy of report card to application.)

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. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a teacher, counselor, or principal must accompany your application.

IV. Statement of Interest: There are many types of transportation, including walking, bicycles, scooters, buses, boats, trains, cars and planes. Just about everything and everyone moves at some point - food travels from farm to market; people travel for school, work, and fun; parts for electronics and other consumer goods are shipped from all over the world and assembled in a plant before being shipped further to a consumer. Within all these transportation modes and businesses there are many different kinds of facilities, operations, and goals. Briefly respond to one of the two following prompts (200-500 words):

(1) Is there a particular area of transportation described in the above paragraph that interests you, and why?

OR

(2) Describe a transportation problem that you've observed in your community or anywhere in the world. Why is this a problem? What is a possible solution?

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your goals to pursue studies in STEM areas (science, technology, engineering, or math) while in college and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words.

VI. Resume (optional): If you would like your resume forwarded to companies in the Chicago area for potential job shadow or internship experiences, please include a copy with your application.

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 Transportation YOU High 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_____