



## 2023 WTS International Annual Conference Sponsorship

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

The 2023 WTS International Annual Conference, The Great Intersection, will be held on May 10–12, 2023 (with pre-conference activities starting on May 9th) at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center, located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, GA. For more information, visit: <https://wtsannualconference.org/>

### SPONSORSHIP CRITERIA:

To apply for a sponsorship, you must meet the following criteria:

- Current member of WTS International and affiliated with Portland Chapter.
- Attended at least two Portland Chapter activities within the year prior to your sponsorship submission.
- Current employment in the transportation industry or if not currently employed, demonstrate at least a 1-year minimum prior employment history in the transportation industry.
- The recipient is invited to attend a WTS Portland Chapter Board meeting to share learnings from the conference and meet and network with Board members, and also provide a write-up for use in the 2023 annual report.
- Sponsorship applications will not be accepted from members that are receiving sponsorship support for attendance by their employer.
- Sponsorship applications will not be accepted from members that are receiving sponsorship support for attendance by WTS International.
- Recipients are required to maintain their membership for a one-year minimum period after receiving a sponsorship or they will reimburse the chapter fifty percent (50%) of the total sponsorship value provided by the chapter for attendance.

### SPONSORSHIP PROVISIONS:

The WTS Portland Chapter will provide one (1) sponsorship for the 2023 WTS International Annual Conference. WTS Portland's 2023 Sponsorship covers:

- \$745 towards conference registration fee
- \$700 towards travel and hotel accommodations
- All other expenses, including for conference tours and/or professional development, will be the responsibility of the sponsorship recipient.

*The 2023 WTS International Annual Conference Sponsorship is made possible by donated funds in honor of the WTS Portland Chapter's founding president, Grace Crunican.*

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Submit your sponsorship application via the [online form here](#). **Applications are due by March 21, 2023 at 11:59pm**. Email [portlandwts@gmail.com](mailto:portlandwts@gmail.com) with any questions.

Sponsorship applications are reviewed by a committee of Portland Chapter Board members, who will make a recommendation to the Chapter's full Board for vote. Upon approval, the recipient will be notified. Note, if a member of the WTS Portland Chapter Board applies for this sponsorship, they will be removed from the review committee and must recuse themselves during the Board vote.

All current WTS Portland Chapter members are eligible. The WTS Portland Board reserves the right to reallocate the sponsorship funding. If a sponsorship recipient is unable to attend, their sponsorship cannot be transferred and will be forfeited.

Applications received after March 21, 2023 at 11:59pm will not be considered.

The WTS Portland Chapter Board will make the sponsorship decision by early April.

## REQUIREMENTS / SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Completed application [via the online form](#):

1. Contact Information
2. Summary of your WTS International and Chapter activities and involvement. Please identify participation by the event name and if available provide the date of the activity. *(250 word limit)*
3. Responses to the following questions:
  - a. How long have you been a member of WTS International? How long have you been a member of the WTS Portland Chapter?
  - b. Are you an active member of the WTS Portland Chapter (member of the board, involved in a committee or other active support of the chapter)?
  - c. How has WTS benefited you personally and professionally? *(100 word limit)*
  - d. What do you hope to gain from attending the 2023 conference? *(100 word limit)*
  - e. How do you plan to share what you learn at the conference when you return? *(100 word limit)*
  - f. Include any additional information that you feel will be pertinent to the selection committee. *(100 word limit)*
4. Statement of understanding and agreement to compose a post-conference debrief (conference materials, up to one page summary on benefits of attendance, and conference photos for the unlimited use by the WTS Portland Chapter) to be provided within one-month after attendance and an invitation to share your experience at a WTS Portland Chapter Board meeting. Recipients are encouraged to post on social media during the conference.