



## Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Philadelphia Chapter Suzanne Axworthy Undergraduate Scholarship

WTS Philadelphia 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 Suzanne Axworthy Scholarship to women currently pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation-related field.**

For over 25 years, Suzanne developed and advocated for public and specialized transportation throughout Philadelphia, working for SEPTA, WHEELS, Inc., and as a consultant. She was an active member of WTS Philadelphia for as long as she was a transportation professional, serving as its Awards Chair from 1986-91, Vice President from 1989-91, and President from 1991- 93. Suzanne will be remembered for her professionalism, grace, and style, and for the warm and enthusiastic encouragement, she gave to many WTS members. In 2001, the Philadelphia Chapter proudly announced the undergraduate scholarship in her name as a memorial to her years of dedicated service.

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- a) Minimum 3.0 GPA
- 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

The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation involvement, goals, job skills, and academic record. WTS Philadelphia is committed to the inclusion of differences and similarities related to ethnicity, age, and gender identity. Local recipients will be announced in November 2023. The final decision for all scholarship awards is solely within the discretion of the WTS Philadelphia Scholarship Committee.

Local Philadelphia Chapter winners for each scholarship may advance to the opportunity to win the WTS International Foundation's national scholarship award. WTS Suzanne Axworthy Undergraduate Scholarship winners will be entered to compete for the WTS International Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship or the WTS International Molitoris Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates.

All materials must be typed and submitted in electronic format (submission of a single .pdf is preferred). Except for the letter of recommendation, all materials must arrive in a single email with the subject line "WTS UG Scholarship - <insert your last name>". All materials must be received by **11:59 pm EST on Friday, November 3, 2023**. All submission materials and questions should be directed to:

**Theresa Loux**  
***WTS Philadelphia Scholarship Chair***  
**[Scholarships@wtsphiladelphia.org](mailto:Scholarships@wtsphiladelphia.org)**

WTS will not review incomplete or illegible applications. You will receive an email confirmation when all parts of your application have been received. The WTS Philadelphia Chapter is very excited to receive your applications and wishes all applicants the best of luck!

For additional information, please refer to our website at:

**<https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/philadelphia/student-outreach/scholarships>**



**Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Philadelphia Chapter  
Suzanne Axworthy Undergraduate Scholarship Application**

**I. Personal Information**

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Name (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phonetic Spelling of Your Preferred Name (First, Last)  
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Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_  
School E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):  
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Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):  
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**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) \_\_\_\_\_  
Previous Colleges/Universities Attended, Date, Degree Earned, and GPA:  
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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.)

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III. **Employment History**

Work Experience (List full-time, part-time, co-op and summer employment. Briefly describe duties and responsibilities. Resumes are preferred and will be included in the WTS Philadelphia Student Outreach Resume Book.)

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IV. **Recommendation:** Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application. The letter of recommendation may accompany the rest of the application or be sent directly from the recommender separately from the rest of the application materials. Please title email subject line: WTS Recommendation - <applicant's last name>. Letters of recommendation must be signed and received via email as an electronic document (.pdf preferred) by the application deadline.

V. **Personal Statement:** Include 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. The statement should not exceed 500 words.

VI. **Proof of Enrollment:** Include a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

VII. **Transcript:** Include an official copy of the transcript of your most recent year of study to this application that includes your current semester course load. Freshmen undergraduates may submit a high school transcript. Digital transcripts must bear a digital verification and/or be signed and dated by a counselor, professor, or program coordinator. Applicants must also include a current semester course load, if not already listed in transcripts.

VIII. **Applicant's Biography:** Include a one (1) paragraph statement describing the applicant's background, schooling, the focus of the degree, academic accomplishments, and interest in the transportation industry. (Note, if selected for a scholarship, this paragraph will be utilized in the event program.)

IX. **WTS Philadelphia Involvement:** Are you currently a member of the WTS Philadelphia Student Chapter? Yes  No

X. **WTS Philadelphia Family:** Are you related to a current WTS Philadelphia Chapter member? Yes  No  If yes, member name and relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Demographic Information (OPTIONAL):** WTS is committed to recognizing students' achievements in 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) \_\_\_\_\_