



## WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way WTS Metropolitan Phoenix does this is by awarding the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship to **women pursuing undergraduate studies** in transportation or a related field.

The scholarship honors Sharon D. Banks, chief executing officer of AC Transit in Alameda-Contra Costa County, California. As its CEO throughout most of the 1990's, Banks led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public transit workforce. She was a member of the WTS Advisory Board and received the WTS San Francisco Chapter Woman of the Year and Employer of the Year awards.

The WTS Metropolitan Phoenix Chapter awards **\$3,000** to the winner of the Sharon D. Banks Scholarship. The scholarship application is then forwarded to the WTS International Foundation to compete for the International award, an additional **\$5,000**. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- 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.

Applications must be submitted through WTS Metropolitan Phoenix as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Local scholarship winners are strongly encouraged to attend the local awards ceremony, March 30, 2024. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in New Orleans in May 2024, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Awards banquet seats and conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Travel expenses are not included.

Submit the completed application no later than **Friday, October 13, 2023**. Submit applications to [caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov](mailto:caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov). Applications must include the subject line "**Banks Application –Last Name**".

Please direct any questions to Scholarship Director Caitlin Brady: [caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov](mailto:caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov) or 602-506-0788 .

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## I. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

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. **Attach official copy of transcript** to application.)

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, as typed word documents.)

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**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.)

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**IV. Recommendation:** Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application.

**V. Personal Statement:** 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. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach to application form as a typed word document.

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

**VII. 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. Information will not be tied to your scholarship application.**

Please follow the link here to complete a survey of demographic information. This survey will not be linked to your application. Note that you only need to complete the survey once, even if you are applying for multiple scholarships.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGTS2D8>

- I have completed the survey online
- I decline to provide this information

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

# Application Check List

Have you...

- Ensured that you meet all the minimum requirements
- Included the following application materials
  - Completed application form (with additional sheets as needed)
  - Transcript
  - 1 Letter of Recommendation
  - Personal Statement specific to this scholarship
  - Proof of Enrollment
- Had your application materials proofread
- Completed the anonymous demographics survey to help us ensure we are reaching a diverse audience of potential applicants
- Sent all your application materials to [caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov](mailto:caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov) with the subject line "Banks Application – Last Name"