



Friends of Transit Scholarship

In partnership with WTS, the Friends of Transit Scholarship is awarded to an applicant (**man or woman**) pursuing **undergraduate or graduate studies** in a full-time degree program in public transit or a transportation-related field with plans to pursue a career in the transportation industry. Recognizing that public transit and transportation systems are complex in nature and require multiple professional disciplines to effectively plan, build and operate, studies could include, but are not limited to: public administration, architecture, engineering, construction, transportation management, logistics, sustainability, etc. Applicants must be able to demonstrate strong leadership skills along with campus and community involvement.

This scholarship is in the amount of **\$2,500** and is offered at the local level only. The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- a. Open to women or men, undergraduate or graduate students.
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- c. Currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate or graduate degree program in one of the aforementioned fields.
- d. Plans to pursue a career in the transit industry.

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. Awards banquet seats for scholarship winners are complimentary.

Submit the completed application no later than **Friday, October 13, 2023**. Submit applications to caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov. Applications must include the subject line "**Friends of Transit Application – Last Name**".

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

Friends of Transit Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

E-mail Address _____

Primary Phone _____

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

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

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:

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: Two letters 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. Please include a paragraph on your support of the goals of WTS now and in the future. 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
 - 2 Letters 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 with the subject line "Friends of Transit Application – Last Name"