

## **2023-24 WTS-Boston Jacquelyn R. Smith Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship/ 2023-24 WTS Foundation 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 it does this is by awarding scholarships to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field.

The WTS-Boston scholarship honors Jacquelyn R. Smith in memory of a pioneer who was an early leader in transportation and WTS-Boston. Jacquelyn Smith served as a member of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, was a member of the Massachusetts Port Authority Board of Directors, was Selectman for the Town of Lexington, and served as WTS-Boston Vice President from 1988-1989.

The WTS Foundation scholarship honors Sharon D. Banks, chief executive 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-Boston Chapter Jacquelyn R. Smith undergraduate scholarship is in the amount of \$4,000. The winning recipient is then forwarded to the WTS Foundation for consideration for the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship in the amount of \$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, management, finance, or logistics.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
- d. Open to women

**Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted through the WTS-Boston**

**Chapter as one (1) combined PDF package.** Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. The WTS-Boston Chapter Jacquelyn R. Smith undergraduate scholarship will be presented in June 2024 at the WTS-Boston Awards & Scholarships Banquet. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2024, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. The WTS-Boston chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Please contact the WTS-Boston chapter at the address listed on the application for specifics.

Please return your completed application to:

Grace Lin and Ali Kleyman, WTS-Boston Scholarship & Award Committee Co-Chairs at [WTSBostonawards@gmail.com](mailto:WTSBostonawards@gmail.com). **All complete scholarship applications are due by Friday, December 1st, 2023, 5 pm.**



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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**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 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\_\_\_\_\_