

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 it does this is by awarding the WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field.

The 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 work force. 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 Northeast Ohio Chapter of WTS is accepting applications for the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship. The local award is \$2,000 and the application of the selected winner will be forwarded for consideration for the national-level scholarship of \$5,000. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. Must be female
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- c. Must be a resident of Ohio OR be currently enrolled in an Ohio college or university
- d. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as civil/structural/transportation engineering, construction management, aviation, planning, finance, public policy, or logistics.
- e. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Scholarships are competitive and awarded based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who have not been previously selected for a WTS Northeast Ohio scholarship. Students are welcome and encouraged to apply for scholarships from other Ohio chapters of WTS (Columbus and Southwest Ohio). Chapters may coordinate their selections in order to distribute the awards.

Presentation of the local scholarship will take place at a local chapter event in the Spring of 2024; the winner's attendance is requested. We also request your participation on the scholarship committee in the Fall of 2024. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 8-10th, 2024, in New Orleans, LA and attendance of the national winner is strongly recommended.

Applications and all required attachments can be submitted via mail or email to:

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Cleveland, Ohio 44114
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***Applications and all required attachments must be received
no later than December 1, 2023.***

Any questions on the application process should be e-mailed to jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com.

Optional 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) _____