

WTS – Maine Chapter High School Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women and girls in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals and students to undertake technical careers in the area of transportation. One way this is accomplished is by awarding the WTS – Maine High School Scholarship to young women pursuing undergraduate studies in science, technology, engineering, or math and considering a career in transportation. Please see the enclosed flyer for information about careers in transportation.

WTS – Maine Chapter works to make a difference in our communities by offering this scholarship to encourage highly motivated young women to explore exciting careers that will change the face of the transportation industry. WTS – Maine Chapter will contact each recipient after their first year of study to see where their educational path has led.

This year WTS – Maine Chapter is offering up to three High School Scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000 to \$2,000. One award will be reserved for a minority applicant. Recipients will also receive a complimentary WTS membership. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a) Applicant must be a female high school senior in the State of Maine or must have graduated from a high school in the State of Maine within the last year.
- b) Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- c) Currently studying math, science, and technology.
- d) Considering a career in a transportation-related field.

Applications must be submitted through the local WTS – Maine Chapter. Typed documents preferred. Scholarships are competitive, and selection is based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, leadership roles, and extracurricular activities. Please contact WTS – Maine Chapter at the address listed below for specifics.

Please mail or email the completed application to:

Kleinfelder
ATTN: Amanda Taylor, WTS – Maine Chapter
150 Capitol Street, Suite 4
Augusta, ME 04330
ataylor@kleinfelder.com

Applications must be emailed by or postmarked by February 15.

Optional: One applicant may be recommended by the Maine Chapter for the national WTS Foundation Transportation YOU scholarship competition, which awards \$2,500 to one recipient. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in spring 2024. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. *If an applicant wishes to be considered for a national WTS Foundation Transportation YOU scholarship, the application must be emailed or postmarked by January 15 to the contact information above.*

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III. 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. One WTS Maine scholarship award is reserved for a minority applicant.

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

IV. Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation, one by a teacher, guidance counselor or principal, and one by a community member not from your high school, must accompany your application in a separate, sealed envelope. If the individuals providing the recommendation would prefer, they can mail their recommendations directly to: Amanda Taylor at the address above.

V. Personal Statement: Include a statement that addresses both of the following:

1. Describe a situation where you have demonstrated leadership (academically or non-academically) and what that experience taught you.
2. Describe what transportation means to you and why transportation is an important career choice.

The personal statement should not exceed 500 words.

Applicant's
Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF INCOMPLETE
AND/OR EMAILED OR POSTMARKED AFTER FEBRUARY 15*

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- COMPLETED APPLICATION
- TRANSCRIPT(S)
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- PERSONAL STATEMENT

Note: The scholarship will only be issued after the recipient provides proof of enrollment in an undergraduate degree program of her choice. The scholarship will be held for up to two years until proof of enrollment can be provided.

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CAREERS IN TRANSPORTATION

These are some of the careers associated with transportation, find [@transportationyoume](#) on instagram to learn more

Urban Planning & Design

- Transportation Planning
- City Planning
- Traffic Design
- Public Transit
- Land Development

Environment and Sustainability

- Environmental Permitting
- Fish/Animal Passage
- Storm Water Management
- Electric Vehicles
- Hydraulics
- Hydrology
- R&D
- Soils and Wetlands

Policy and Law

- Advocacy
- Safety
- Public Outreach
- Marketing
- Communication
- Government
- Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
- Environmental Litigation

Engineering & Design

- Structural Engineering
- Bridge Design
- Civil Engineering
- Highway Design
- Bike Infrastructure
- Pedestrian Infrastructure
- Marine Engineering
- Aviation
- Construction
- Rail Design

