



2025 Skilled Trades in support of Pre-Apprentices and Apprentices Scholarship Application

Aligned with WTS's mission to attract, sustain, connect, and advance women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry, WTS Los Angeles has established this scholarship in 2024 to encourage women who are pursuing a career as a skilled trades worker in construction and/or transportation maintenance. Transportation-related infrastructure - planned or already in construction and/or transportation maintenance - offers tremendous job opportunities to women. WTS-LA offers this scholarship opportunity to support women with overcoming barriers to participation in the construction trades, such as access to quality childcare, transportation, mentorship, training and other support services. For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/los-angeles>

WTS-LA will distribute a scholarship to a pre-apprentice in an established apprenticeship readiness training program and/or an apprentice in a State-approved apprenticeship program. We will distribute the scholarships at our **November 06, 2025**, Scholarships and Awards Gala dinner in downtown Los Angeles. Scholarship Winners' attendance is highly encouraged. Award amounts will vary and typically range between **\$1,500 and \$5,000**, depending on available funding. Applicants are also eligible for sponsored WTS-LA scholarships. Students of underrepresented communities are strongly encouraged to apply. **The application deadline is June 18, 2025.**

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for the scholarship:

- Open to women and non-binary individuals.
- Current enrollment in a **State-approved Pre-apprentice or Trade Apprenticeship program.**
- A demonstrated commitment to pursuing a **career in the transportation industry**, specifically within the **Los Angeles County transportation sector and system.** This includes, but is not limited to, all modes of transportation of people, vehicles, and goods; roles in the public or private sector; and disciplines such as planning, engineering, construction, project or construction management, administration, public relations, and operations.
- Evidence of an active interest in addressing **transportation-related issues or challenges.**
- Submission of a **personal statement (500 words or less)** that outlines the applicant's interest in transportation, relevant academic or professional experiences, and how receiving this scholarship will support their ability to contribute meaningfully to the field.

NOTE: Previous winners of **this scholarship level** are not eligible to apply.

Scholarship Application Instructions

Thank you for applying for a WTS-LA Scholarship. To ensure your application is complete and easily reviewable by our evaluators, please carefully follow the instructions below:

Submission Instructions:

- **Format:** Submit your application and all required documents as a **SINGLE**, merged PDF file.
- **Email Subject Line:** Format your subject line as follows:
Name of Scholarship Application_Your Full Name
(Example: *Skilled Trades Scholarship Application_Johanna Clark*)
- **Email Address:** Send your complete PDF to: Scholarships@wtsla.org

Required Documents (in the following order):

1. **Completed Application Form**
2. **Proof of Current Enrollment**
(e.g., enrollment verification letter, program schedule)
3. **One (1) Letter of Recommendation**
(Program or job personnel or supervisors; must be signed (E-signature is OK.))
4. **Attendance Records (Preferred, not required)**

Important Notes:

- **File Naming:** Name your PDF file as: ScholarshipName_YourFullName.pdf
(Example: *SkilledTradesScholarship_JohannaClark.pdf*)
- **Deadline:** All materials must be submitted by **June 18, 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- **Recommendation Letter:** If your recommender prefers to send the letter directly, they must email it to Scholarships@wtsla.org with your full name and the scholarship name in the subject line.
(e.g., *Skilled Trades Scholarship Application_Johanna Clark _Recommendation*)
- **Single Submission:** Partial submissions or multiple emails will not be considered. Ensure your file includes all documents before submitting.

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Date _____

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

Name of Enrolled State-approved Apprenticeship Program or Apprenticeship
Readiness Program _____

City, State _____

List of Current or Previous Schools Attended (High School, Community College, Trade School,
or Other) _____

Which Trade Are You Enrolled In or Plan to Enroll In? _____

Certificate to be Received _____

Expected Date of Program or Apprenticeship Completion _____

List Community or Other Volunteer Affiliations (Include any program, school, work, or
community activities you have participated in. Include roles held and work performed.
Describe in the space provided below. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as typed
word documents.)

III. Employment History and/or Volunteer History

Work and/or volunteer experience (List full-time, part-time, internship and summer employment. Briefly describe duties and responsibilities. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as typed word documents.)

IV. Brief Summary

Provide a brief (75- to 100-word) biographical summary

(Example: Rachel Lindt is a participant in the WINTER pre-apprenticeship program in Los Angeles, where she's gaining hands-on experience in transportation and construction trades. She's passionate about improving access to transit in LA and hopes to build a long-term career in the field. Her journey is fueled by the desire to create a brighter future for her children while inspiring other women in her community to pursue their dreams. Her other interests include cooking, hiking, and exploring the diverse taco offerings of Los Angeles.)

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your interest in becoming a skilled worker in a construction trade. Also include why you believe you should receive the scholarship award, any challenges you face in continuing your training, and what you are most proud of accomplishing so far in your training. Highlight your interest in transportation projects, relevant experiences and interests, demonstrated leadership, and how this award will contribute to your ability to continue with your program. The statement must not exceed 500 words. Please write in the space provided below.

VI. 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 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 _____