



2025 Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship for Undergraduates

WTS Los Angeles established this scholarship in 2000 to encourage women to pursue career paths in transportation. The scholarship is awarded to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation, planning, or a related field. For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/los-angeles>

WTS-LA will award Ava Doner Memorial Scholarship winners at our **November 06, 2025**, scholarships awards gala and 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 has been extended to July 11, 2025.**

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

- Open to women and non-binary individuals.
- A minimum **GPA of 3.0**.
- Current enrollment in an **undergraduate-level program** in a transportation-related field, such as transportation planning, engineering, geospatial, security planning, business management, finance, or logistics, with an emphasis on public policy or innovation.
- 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: Undergraduate 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, class schedule)
3. **Academic Transcript**
(Unofficial copy is OK; must show your full name and institution name)
4. **One (1) Letter of Recommendation**
(Academic or professional references preferred; must be signed [E-signature is OK.])

Important Notes:

- **File Naming:** Name your PDF file as: ScholarshipName_YourFullName.pdf
(Example: UndergraduateScholarship_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., Undergraduate 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

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 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 obtaining a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning at UCLA. She is pursuing a dual-concentration in Transportation Policy and Planning and Design & Development with a research and professional interest in the intersection of transportation and design. Currently, she is researching how underutilized urban alleys can be converted into multi-beneficial green alleys for communities. Her other interests include biking, cooking, yoga, and exploring the diverse taco offerings of Los Angeles.)

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Applicants must address the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant's leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words.

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 _____