



WTS Central PA Chapter - Colleen Brown High School Scholarship

WTS works to make a difference in the lives of young women and girls by offering opportunities and activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation and encourage them to take courses in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry. The WTS Central PA Chapter – Colleen Brown High School Scholarship is available to high school senior girls pursuing studies in STEM and considering a transportation-related career.

Colleen grew up in the City of Lancaster and decided early on that she wanted to be an engineer. She graduated magna cum laude from University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. In 1984, not long after graduation, she started working for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) in the Civil Engineer Training Program and in 1997, Colleen advanced to a Project Development Engineer. Colleen was a highly respected engineer and was well-liked by all who worked with her. She had a twinkle in her eye, an energetic “get it done” attitude, and a quick sense of humor. In September 2010, Colleen passed away at age 49 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She had worked as an engineer for PennDOT for 26 years.

The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. Applicant must be a high school senior.
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher. A multi-year high school report card or transcript is required.
- c. Currently studying math, science, and/or technology.
- d. Considering a college degree in a STEM-related, transportation field.
- e. Applicant must reside in Pennsylvania or attend school in Pennsylvania.

Applications must be submitted through the WTS Central PA Chapter as a typed **Word document or PDF document**. File names should include the scholarship name and last name of applicant (ex. Colleen Brown_Smith.pdf). Preferred submission is one, compiled PDF with all attachments included.

Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific STEM-related career goals, academic record, and STEM-related activities or job skills. Please review our WTS Central PA chapter scholarship "Tips" document and scholarship announcement letter. Contact information to submit application is located on the last page of this application.

One applicant may be recommended by the Central PA Chapter for the national WTS Foundation Transportation YOU scholarship competition. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in Spring 2026. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary.

I. Personal Information

III. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a teacher, counselor, or principal must accompany your application.

IV. Personal Statement: A statement about your goals to pursue studies in STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) while in college to prepare for a transportation-related career and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach as a word document to the application form.

V. 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) _____

Signature_____

Date_____

Parent/Guardian

Signature_____

Date_____

Please send application and attachments to:

CentralPA@wtsinternational.org (preferred)

OR

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