



## **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 workforce. 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 WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship is **\$5,000**. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance, or logistics.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2026, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed on the application for specifics.

### **Note from WTS Central PA:**

- ***WTS Central PA award amount may differ from WTS International award amount.***

# WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Application

## I. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

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Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

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## 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:

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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.)

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**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) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send application and attachments to:

[CentralPA@wtsinternational.org](mailto:CentralPA@wtsinternational.org) (preferred)

OR

Kayla Peters, WTS Central PA Scholarship Chair  
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