2026 WTS Greater Chicago Chapter Private Partner Benefits Overview



Level	Description of Benefits
Benefits for All Levels (except in-kind donations)	 Company name on rolling slide at major chapter-hosted events Recognition in all print and electronic chapter materials, including the Scholarship and Recognitions events Company name posted on chapter website as local partner
Executives \$4,250	 \$2,000 Scholarship fund contribution Scholarship named after and presented by your company Company/project highlight via social media Exclusive event sponsorship and hosting opportunities Prioritized invitation to introduce a speaker at a chapter event Early Bird Registration Access to major chapter events Discounted registration to chapter Golf Events (new events this year!) Two Invitations to the Annual Recognitions Event VIP Reception Two Invitations to the Annual Partner Appreciation Reception Two complimentary one-year WTS Professional Memberships Individual membership names required at commitment Private Sector or DBE/Small Business only; Executive and Lifetime memberships not included
Champions \$2,700	 \$1,250 Scholarship fund contribution Early Bird Registration Access to major chapter events Two Invitations to the Annual Recognitions Event VIP Reception Two Invitations to the Annual Partner Appreciation Reception Two complimentary one-year WTS Professional Memberships Individual membership names required at commitment Private Sector or DBE/Small Business only; Executive and Lifetime memberships not included
Guardians \$1,150	 \$500 Scholarship fund contribution One Invitation to the Annual Recognitions Event VIP Reception Two Invitations to the Annual Partner Appreciation Reception One complimentary one-year WTS Professional Membership Individual membership name required at commitment Private Sector or DBE/Small Business only; Executive and Lifetime memberships not included
Advocates \$600	 \$250 Scholarship fund contribution Two Invitations to the Annual Partner Appreciation Reception
Supporters \$350	 One Invitation to the Annual Partner Appreciation Reception Proceeds to Scholarship fund
In-Kind Donations for Specific Programs	Recognition in printed and electronic materials
	Discount of 10% for Small Businesses Enterprises

Partnership Request Form Link: 2026 Private Partnership Request Form

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Which is it - Partnership or Membership?!

Partnership represents your company's association with our local chapter as a whole. Our chapter hosts dozens of events each year on a variety of topics to encourage diverse workforce participation, recognize influential transportation leaders, and offer unique technical and professional development sessions. With attendance by public agencies and private companies alike, even our social events are a great opportunity to network with peers at all levels and elevate your brand presence. Importantly, contributions from your Partnership provide scholarships for students with an interest in transportation, bolstering the pipeline for our industry.

Membership applies to individual people and is managed by our parent organization, WTS International (WTSI), with coordination by our local chapter Membership Committee. Membership allows an individual access to virtual webinars and workshops hosted by WTSI, discounted registration for national and regional conferences, and invitations to "members-only" events – including voting for our chapter annual recognitions awards! Membership also provides opportunities to connect with a greater WTS audience in other regions. While several of our Partnership levels include complimentary Memberships, consider encouraging even more of your staff to become Members!