

FRIENDS OF WTS SCHOLARSHIP: Promoting Young Women in Transportation



Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is an international organization of transportation professionals with more than 5,000 members – both women and men – who are committed to excellence in the transportation industry. WTS seeks to close the workforce gap in the global transportation industry by promoting lifelong careers in transportation for women. By attracting, retaining, and advancing women in the industry, WTS will be the industry's most recognized worldwide network of transportation subject matter experts. Our mission is to “transform the transportation industry through the advancement of women,” and our scholarship program is one way that we demonstrate this support.

WTS Heart of Texas (HOT) chapter located in Austin, Texas is awarding multiple scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each to young women in their senior year of high school to be used for college or trade school. Through this scholarship, WTS aims to support young women who show a strong interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic (STEM) related fields that may lead to a future career in a transportation-related field.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Recipients are selected based on their interest in a transportation-related field or STEM related fields that would contribute to the advancement of transportation industry, academic achievement, and demonstrated financial need. To be eligible for the Friends of WTS Scholarship: Promoting Young Women in Transportation, the applicant must:

- Be a female senior in high school in the Central Texas area;
- Be on track to graduate in Spring or Summer 2026;
- Plan to attend a trade school, college or university in the 2026-2027 academic school year;
- Show a strong level of commitment to and participation in a transportation-related field or STEM related fields that would contribute to the advancement of transportation industry;
- Demonstrate leadership; and
- Demonstrate financial need.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & CHECKLIST

- Completed application (pages 3 - 5 of this application form)
- One completed essay (page 5 of this application)
- Signature page (page 6 of this application)
- High school transcript (official)
- One letter of recommendation from an individual outside of your family (such as a teacher, employer, charitable organization or extracurricular activity leader) which supports your character, leadership and/or commitment to the community.

Please note:

- Application, essay and signature page should be submitted as a single, combined PDF document.
- Recommendations can come directly from recommender or student with other application materials. Combine into PDF packet if it is included with application materials.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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APPLICATION SCORING CRITERIA

All applications will be scored based on the following criteria:

	Possible Points
Essay and Recommendation	25
Demonstration of Financial Need	25
Demonstration of Academic Achievement	20
Demonstration of Leadership and Community Outreach*	30
TOTAL	100

*This includes work outside of school or volunteer organizations (i.e. paid employment).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

A panel of judges will review all **completed** applications received by March 13, 2026 at **11:59 p.m. CST**.

APPLICATION MUST BE SENT IN VIA EMAIL TO BOTH:

scholarship@wtshotchapter.org

scholarshipcc@wtshotchapter.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship recipients will be notified in early April 2026. Winners will be invited to participate in the WTS HOT Chapter Gala on April 25, 2026.

Though every effort will be made to adhere to this schedule, dates are subject to change. Applicants will be notified of any date changes.

IF SELECTED

- Recipients will be required to provide a short bio and picture in early April for inclusion in the WTS Heart of Texas Annual Gala. Please be prepared to provide a high quality picture (no selfies) of only yourself with a small bio (approximately 100-150 words).
- Recipients will be honored at the 2026 WTS Heart of Texas Annual Gala on April 25, 2026.
- WTS reserves the right to use photographs and/or statements of scholarship recipients in promotional materials.
- The scholarship will be paid once proof of enrollment in a college, trade school or university has been submitted to WTS.

QUESTIONS

See attached Frequently Asked Questions handout.

PLEASE NOTE: Disclosure of your social security number and/or bank account information is not required for this scholarship application or additional paperwork submitted.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:
Date of Birth:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Mailing Address (If different from Street Address):		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:	E-Mail Address:	

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current High School:	Expected Graduation Date:
Grade Point Average:	Most Recent Class Rank:
SAT or ACT Score (if applicable):	
College, University or Trade School you plan to attend:	
Anticipated Major/Minor:	Have you been accepted to this program?
If you have not finalized your decision, please list the schools you have applied to:	
College, University or Trade School:	
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College, University or Trade School:	

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

List all direct contributions to the cost of your schooling.

	Amount
Parents (Mother <input type="checkbox"/> , Father <input type="checkbox"/> , Both <input type="checkbox"/>)	\$ _____
Relatives/Friends:	\$ _____
Self:	\$ _____
Social Security benefit:	\$ _____
Additional Scholarship or Financial Aid Grants you have obtained	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____
 Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) based on FAFSA	 \$ _____

Anticipated School Expenses, based on the most recent College, University or Trade School catalog:

	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
Tuition:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Fees:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Books:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Room and Board (if living on campus)	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____

Please include a brief personal statement (2-3 sentences) which demonstrates your financial need.

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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. 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)

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) _____

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EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>From Date to Date</u>	<u>Hours per Week</u>

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List any organizations, activities, community service, and leadership positions you have participated in (attach additional pages if necessary). Please include a few words to explain your key responsibilities and leadership role.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates of Participation</u>	<u>Position(s) Held and Responsibility</u>

SCHOLASTIC HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Please list a maximum of three honors/awards which have been the most meaningful to you. Briefly describe why it was a meaningful honor/award to you.

<u>Award/Honor Name</u>	<u>Date Awarded</u>
<u>Description</u>	
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<u>Description</u>	
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<u>Description</u>	

ESSAY

Provide an essay (1- 2 pages, approximately 500 words) which addresses how your experiences have encouraged you to pursue a STEM or Transportation related major. You can include additional financial information and what makes you excited to pursue furthering your education for the major you have selected.

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SIGNATURE PAGE – I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE.

x _____
(Applicant's Signature) (Date)

Applicants under 18 years, a parent/guardian signature is required.

x _____
(Parent / Guardian's Signature) (Date)