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## WTS NJ Transportation YOU High School Scholarship (2026)

The WTS New Jersey (WTS NJ) Transportation YOU Committee focuses on engaging high school students in NJ to pursue a career in the transportation field. One way the committee motivates and rewards these students is by awarding the **WTS NJ Transportation YOU High School Scholarship** to high school students who plan to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering, and/or math (STEM) and demonstrate leadership skills, ability, and an interest in the transportation industry.

Through the Transportation YOU program and this scholarship, WTS NJ works to make a difference in the lives of young students heading off to college. The WTS NJ Chapter offers students opportunities for mentorship, networking, and activities to help spark interested in students to pursue a career in various transportation-related fields such as:

- Civil Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Information Technology Systems
- Traffic/Roadway Engineering
- Urban Planning
- GIS, Surveying
- Railway/Airport, Port Engineering
- Water Engineering
- Management of Public Transportation Systems
- And many more...

The WTS NJ Transportation YOU High School Scholarship is **\$2,500**. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- A. Applicant must be a high school senior (in the Fall of 2026)
- B. Weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
- C. Currently studying math, science, and technology
- D. Considering a college degree in a transportation-related field

Applications must be submitted to the WTS NJ Transportation YOU Chair, Naa-Adzeley Addo-Garrison at [Naddo-Garrison@njtransit.com](mailto:Naddo-Garrison@njtransit.com) by **Friday, September 18, 2026**. Early applications are always welcome.

Scholarship winners will be presented during the WTS NJ Annual Event in **November 2026** (exact date to be determined). Attendance during the awards ceremony is **strongly** recommended. Registration to this event is complimentary for scholarship recipients and one additional guest. Information about the Annual Event will be provided to scholarship recipients later this year.



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**WTS NJ Transportation YOU High School Scholarship Application (2026)**

**1. 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): (if different from current)

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*(If Under 18 please provide the following)*

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Educational Background**

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

City, County, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of HS Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Future Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Weighted Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ (Min 3.0 required)

3. **Official High School Transcript** *(Please attach as a separate document.)*
4. **Current Resume** *(Please attach as a separate document and include the following)*

Professional or School Affiliations

List any professional, school, or community organizations and/or activities you have participated in. Include number of years, offices held, duties and responsibilities, awards received, certifications achieved, etc.

Volunteer/Work Experience

List any full-time, part-time, co-op, summer employment, and/or volunteer experiences. Describe your duties and responsibilities.

5. **Letter of Recommendation - From a teacher, counselor, or principal.** *(Please attach as a separate document in a sealed envelope.)*
6. **Personal Statement.** *Provide a statement about why you plan to pursue studies in a Transportation related field, where you plan to attend college, university, or trade school, and any future goals. Let us know why you think that you should receive the **WTS NJ Transportation YOU Scholarship** award. Statement should not exceed 500 words. (Please attach as a separate document)*
7. **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.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian           | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Indian     | <input type="checkbox"/> White                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please write in) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous      | <input type="checkbox"/> Choose not to disclose  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern  |  |

**2. Age**

- 15-18     19-23     24-30     24-30     30+

**3. Anticipated Career Path within the Transportation Industry**

- Transportation Operations (Truck Driver, Train Conductor, Pilot)
- Engineering & Infrastructure (Transportation-related Engineer, Urban Planner, Traffic Engineer, GIS, Surveyor)
- Maritime and Aviation (Ship Captain, Air Traffic Controller, Marine Engineer)
- Public Transportation (Bus Driver, Transit Planner, Railway Operator)
- Management and Administration (Transportation Manager, Fleet Manager, Transportation Analyst)
- Technology and Innovation (Transportation Software Developer, Autonomous Vehicle Engineer, Smart Cities, Solar Power, Data Analytics, Cybersecurity, Data Analytics)
- Environmental and Sustainability (Environmental Engineer, Sustainable Transportation Planner)
- Transportation Construction (General Contractor, Subcontractor)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. How did you hear about this scholarship?**

- Friend
- Colleague in the Transportation Industry
  - School/Teacher/Counselor
  - Social Media:
    - Facebook
    - Instagram
    - LinkedIn
    - Snapchat
    - TikTok
    - Twitter
    - YouTube
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Local WTS NJ Chapter
- WTS International Website
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for applying to the WTS NJ Transportation YOU High School Scholarship!**

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

Parent/Guardian

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