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## WTS NJ Junior College/Technical School/Trade School Scholarship (2026)

The WTS New Jersey (WTS NJ) College Outreach Committee fosters the development of students to pursue a career in the transportation field. Transportation-related careers include those that focus on the movement of people, goods, or services. These fields play a crucial role in connecting communities and enabling commerce.

One way the committee motivates and rewards these students is by awarding the **WTS NJ Junior College/Technical School/Trade School Scholarship** to students who are currently pursuing an associate degree, certification, diploma, or license in a transportation-related study at a college, technical school, or trade school in New Jersey.

Through this scholarship, WTS NJ works to make a difference in the lives of students by exposing them to the WTS NJ Chapter, which offers students additional opportunities for mentorship, networking, and educational activities. Key transportation fields of study include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Automotive / Diesel Mechanics
- Aviation Maintenance
- Bridge and Roadway Maintenance
- CADD Operator
- Commercial Driver's License
- CDL with Hazmat Endorsement
- Construction Inspector or Management
- Construction Management
- Diesel Technology
- Environmental Technician
- FAA Airframe and Powerplant
- Hazmat Endorsement
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- OSHA Safety or Safety Management
- Logistics/ Supply Chain
- Maritime Studies
- Rail Systems Technology
- Signal Electrician License
- Surveying
- Traffic Operator / Traffic Safety
- Urban and Transportation Planning
- ...and many others

The WTS NJ Junior College/Technical School/Trade School Scholarship is **\$2,500**. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- A. GPA of 3.0 or higher

- B. In the fall semester of 2026, student must be enrolled in a degree program in a transportation-related field at a junior college, technical school (high school or college-level), or trade school in NJ
- C. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Applications must be submitted to the WTS NJ College Outreach Chair, Laura Baldacchino at [LBaldacchino@gpinet.com](mailto:LBaldacchino@gpinet.com) by **Friday, September 18, 2026**. However, 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 award 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 Junior College/Technical School/Trade 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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### 2. Educational Background

Current College/School: \_\_\_\_\_

College/School City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Diploma/Degree/Certification/License to be received:

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

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

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

Previous Schools/Colleges/Universities Attended, Date Degree Earned, and GPA:

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3. **Official High School Transcript** (for HS Technical Schools only) **(or) Official College Transcript** (for Junior College, Trade Schools, or Post-High School Tech School). (Please attach as a separate document.)
4. **Resume** – Include the following. (Please attach as a separate typed word document.)
  - Employment History- List any full-time, part-time, co-op and/or summer employment and/or volunteer positions. Briefly describe duties and responsibilities.
  - Volunteer Experience – List any volunteer work. Briefly describe roles and responsibilities.
  - Professional and/or School Affiliations – List any school, professional, and/or community activities you have participated in. Include offices held and any awards received.
5. **Letter of Recommendation – From an employer/job supervisor or current teacher/professor.** (Please attach as a separate typed document with contact details.)
6. **Personal Statement.** Provide a statement about why you plan to pursue studies in a Transportation-related field and your future career goals after graduation. Let us know why you think that you should receive the **WTS NJ Junior College/Technical School/Trade School/Scholarship** award. Statement should not exceed 500 words. (Please attach as a separate typed document).
7. **Proof of Enrollment:** Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.
8. **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       31-40       41-50       51+

**3. Anticipated Mode of Transportation Industry for Future Career**

- Aviation
- Maritime
- Rail/Transit
- Roadway/Highway
- 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
- Local WTS NJ Chapter
- WTS International Website
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for applying to the WTS NJ Junior College/Technical School/Trade School  
Scholarship!**

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

Parent Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_