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### **Fred Berger Endowed Scholarship (2026)**

The Berger Charitable Foundation has selected the WTS New Jersey (WTS NJ) chapter as a recipient of the Fred Berger Endowed Scholarship. Funded by a \$50,000 donation, this endowed scholarship provides vital support for young women and address the ever-growing need to advance women's representation in the industry and expand the pipeline for future leaders.

The purpose of the Fred Berger Endowed Scholarship is to award a student currently enrolled in a transportation related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, or other STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) related fields, in preparation for a career in transportation.

The Fred Berger Endowed Scholarship is **\$2,000**. The minimum criteria for selection are:

1. GPA of 3.0 or higher
2. In the Fall Semester of 2026, enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in a transportation related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, or other STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) related fields.
3. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
4. Submit a personal essay or video prompt.

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**. 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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**Fred Berger Endowed 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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 College Transcript.** *(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 or Video Prompt:** Applicant must select **one (1)** of the prompts below and submit with the application:
  - a. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Applicants must address the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant's leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words. *(Please attach as a word document to application form.)*
  - b. Video Prompt: Must submit a 2-3 minute video discussing the following:

***Discuss one (1) example of a major NJ transportation project that will impact the transportation industry. Examples include the Gateway Program, Hudson Tunnel Project, Newark Bay Hudson Extension, Atlantic City Expressway Third Lane Widening, Glassboro-Camden Rail Line, etc.***
  
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 Fred Berger Endowed Scholarship!**

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