WTS Atlanta Chapter 2026 Program for Public Sector Emerging Professionals

The WTS Atlanta Chapter (WTS Atlanta) recognizes the importance of developing future leaders, growing our membership, and providing opportunities to individuals who may face barriers to join or actively participate in the organization. The **Program for Public Sector Emerging Professionals** is one such program that ensures the future success and growth of our Chapter. This Program will assist in the development of future leaders by providing four awards to potential WTS Atlanta members. Eligible applicants must work in a transportation-related career in the public sector and not be eligible to receive reimbursement from their employer for WTS membership expenses.

Selected participants of the **Program for Public Sector Emerging Professionals** will receive the following:

- Paid membership dues for one year.
- Paid attendance to all WTS Atlanta events (including the Annual Scholarships and Awards Luncheon).
- Advisor commitment from a WTS Atlanta Board member for one year, and

Through the course of their term, selected participants must agree to Chapter involvement and personal professional development by meeting the following requirements:

- Attend two or more Board meetings.
- Assume an active, responsible committee role or other position of responsibility in the Chapter and/or lead and complete a project identified by the Board for the WTS Atlanta Chapter.
- Author a newsletter article on her experiences with the program.
- Provide quarterly updates to the Board or Advisor showing progress with program requirements
- Meet with her WTS Atlanta Advisor three (3) or more times during the year, and
- Establish a set of goals for success in the Program (to be refined with the Advisor) to meet over the course of her term.

Applications must be submitted to the WTS Atlanta Chapter POC, Dania Aponte. A Selection Committee comprised of Board members will review applications and make recommendations to the full Board of Directors who will select participants based on a majority vote. The process is competitive and based on the applicant's specific goals for serving in the Chapter and description of how these goals will benefit her career as well as the WTS Atlanta Chapter. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Please return the completed application to Dania Aponte at DAponte@Edwards-Pitman.com by no later than April 3, 2026.

Application – Program for Public Sector Emerging Professionals

I. Personal Information

    a. Name:
    b. Current Address:
    c. Email:
    d. Phone:

II. Current Employment

    a. Current Employer
    b. Employer Address
    c. Job Title
    d. Date of Hire
    e. Briefly describe the duties and responsibility of your current job position and how your job relates to the transportation industry.

III. Resume (Educational & Employment History)

    a. Please include a summary of your educational background and a brief employment history.
    b. Educational background information should include the following information:
        i. Colleges/universities attended, dates, and degree(s) earned.
        ii. Leadership activities (clubs, internships, committees, volunteer activities, etc.).
    c. Employment history should include the following information:
        i. Job title, start/end dates, employer, and brief job description for each position held.
        ii. Professional leadership activities (professional committees, organizations, volunteer activities, etc.).

IV. Personal Statement

Describe in 500 words or less why you feel you are a good candidate for the program. Address your goals for success in the Program by: (1) identifying a role you might like to serve in the Chapter, (2) describing how your career could benefit from performing such a role, and (3) describing how WTS Atlanta could benefit from your commitment. (4) Identify your goals for a successful year as a member of WTS Atlanta.

V. Recommendation

Letter of recommendation from a job supervisor or other person familiar with your work abilities, interests, and dedication must accompany your application.