

The **WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter Scholarship** aims to support the development of students in the transportation field by encouraging promising individuals to pursue careers in the industry. The scholarship is open to post-secondary students enrolled in degree or diploma programs related to transportation - such as planning, economics, engineering, political science, environmental science, or other relevant fields. To be eligible, applicants must be currently enrolled at an accredited college or university in Southwest Ontario, including the regions of Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Guelph, London, Windsor, and Hamilton. For full eligibility details, please refer to the Application Guide on page 4 and the website [here](#).

One (1) \$3,000 (CAD) scholarship will be awarded to one (1) undergraduate or graduate student. Previous WTS Scholarship recipients are not eligible.

The selection of the recipient will be made in July, and the successful applicant will be announced in August. Recipient names and photos will appear in WTS Canadian Education Foundation (CEF) and WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter publications.

Applicants are advised that using AI, generative AI, or programs of such nature to fill out this form or any of the supplementary documentation to this application is strictly prohibited. Submissions found to be generated by such tools will result in immediate disqualification.

**Please complete the information below and return the form and required documents by July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at midnight (11:59pm ET) to: [wtsswontario@gmail.com](mailto:wtsswontario@gmail.com)**

CONTACT INFORMATION	
First and Last Name:	
Phone:	Email Address:
Current Address: <i>City, Province, Postal Code</i>	
Permanent Address (if different from above): <i>City, Province, Postal Code</i>	

EDUCATION STATUS	
Post-Secondary School: Located in Southwest Ontario	
Level: Undergraduate / Graduate - 1st year, 2nd year, etc.	
Area of Concentration:	Research Topic: If applicable
Anticipated Date of Graduation: Month/Year	
Anticipated Degree or Diploma to be Receive Upon Graduation:	



> SW Ontario  
Advancing women  
Advancing transportation

# Scholarship Application

Submission Deadline:  
July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Professional or Community Affiliations:

Identify any professional or community related activities, including school groups you have participated in, include positions held in the space provided. If none put N/A.

### Academic Awards or Achievements:

Identify any academic awards or scholastic achievements in the space provided.  
If none put N/A.

### Work Experience:

Briefly describe part-time, full-time, co-op, summer, or other employment you have held and your responsibilities in the space provided.  
If none put N/A.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- You must include the following documents in a single email with your application form, multiple emails are not accepted.
- Please use checkboxes to confirm you have included the requested documents in your submission. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
- All attachments are to be in PDF format and named with Document title-Applicant's Last name

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>1. Personal Statement:</b> (Max. 2 pages) Attach a <u>personal</u> essay that describes your interest in transportation, your career goals, and an explanation of why you believe you should receive the scholarship based on the scholarship's purpose of promoting the advancement of women in transportation. (Please refer to Application Guide on page 4.)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>2. Letter of Recommendation:</b> (Max. 1 page) Attach one (1) letter of recommendation from a previous teacher, professor, employer or community leader (including Elder, mentor, or cultural teacher). The letter should address why you are a good candidate based on the noted scholarship criteria.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>3. Proof of Enrollment:</b> Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or registration receipt.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>4. Transcripts:</b> Attach a copy most recent transcript (if 1st year, attach high school transcript).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>5. Other:</b> Please indicate any other supporting documentation submitted with your application.</p>

*Signature of Student*

*Date of Application*

*I understand and agree that if I am chosen as a scholarship recipient, the WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter and other WTS entities may use my name, biography, and photo in promotional materials, including their websites and future scholarship promotional documents. By submitting this scholarship application to the WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter, I consent to the use of my information in promotional materials.*

*WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel this scholarship without notice to applicants if it determines that no applicant meets the eligibility criteria or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter. This decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.*

Please send any inquiries on this matter to [wtsswontario@gmail.com](mailto:wtsswontario@gmail.com)

## APPLICATION GUIDE

1. **Review the Scholarship Requirements:** Before you start your application, make sure you understand the eligibility requirements [here](#) for the WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter Scholarship. The scholarship is open to women and women-identifying individuals pursuing a degree or diploma in transportation or a related field, and applicants must be currently enrolled at an accredited university or college in the Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Guelph, London, Windsor, and Hamilton areas.
2. **Submission Deadline:** Submit your application by **July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, midnight (11:59pm ET)**. Make sure all required documents are included and carefully follow any additional instructions or prompts.
3. **Understand the Selection Criteria:** The WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter Scholarship is awarded based on several factors: your connection to the transportation industry, related activities and interests, a demonstrated commitment to advancing gender diversity in the field, leadership potential, strong character, academic performance, and relevant work experience. When writing your Personal Statement, keep these criteria in mind. Avoid generic statements - be specific and detailed, using concrete examples to illustrate your qualifications.
  - 3.1. **Highlight Your Relevant Experiences:** Use the Personal Statement to discuss any transportation-related activities or interests you have pursued, such as research, internships, co-op positions, or volunteer work. The applicant should place greater emphasis on sharing their personal journey by demonstrating how their experience has made them come to appreciate the importance of promoting gender diversity in the transportation industry.
  - 3.2. **Showcase Your Leadership Skills:** The WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter Scholarship values individuals with strong leadership potential. Highlight any leadership roles you have taken on, such as leading a team project or volunteering for a transportation-related organization. Explain how these experiences have developed your leadership skills and how they will contribute to the transportation industry.
  - 3.3. **Connect Your Experiences to Your Future Goals:** In your Personal Statement, describe how your past experiences have prepared you for your future career aspirations. Share your long-term goals and explain how you plan to contribute to the transportation industry. Highlight how receiving this scholarship will support your journey and how you intend to use it to make a meaningful impact in the field.
  - 3.4. **Emphasize Your Passion:** Make sure to emphasize your passion for transportation. Explain why transportation is important to you and how you hope to contribute to its growth and development. Your passion should shine through in your Personal Statement, making it clear to the scholarship committee why you are a strong candidate for the WTS Southwest Ontario Chapter Scholarship.
  - 3.5. **Edit and Revise:** After drafting your Personal Statement, take time to carefully review and refine it. Check for spelling, grammar, and clarity, ensuring your writing is concise and well-structured. Consider sharing it with a friend, family member, or mentor to get constructive feedback and suggestions for improvement.