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WTS-DC Chapter
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2026 WTS-DC Graduate Scholarship Application

Due October 12, 2026

WTS-DC fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in transportation. One way it does this is by awarding scholarships in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to female-identifying students who are pursuing careers in transportation through graduate programs in transportation-related fields in the Washington Metro area. Recipients at the chapter level also may be nominated for consideration for WTS International scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The minimum eligibility criteria for selection¹ are:

- Currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field such as transportation planning or engineering, security planning, business management, finance, logistics or public policy.
- Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
- Attends graduate school in the Washington metropolitan area.
- Self-identifies as female

To be considered, you must complete and submit the following items below to the WTS-DC Scholarship and Fundraising Committee at wts.dc.scholarships@gmail.com **before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2026:**

1. This typed and signed application form (in electronic format);
2. A current resume;
3. A current transcript (also include official or unofficial transcripts from schools previously attended in pursuit of your current degree sought);
4. Two letters of recommendation from a professor or job supervisor;
5. Your personal statement, not to exceed 1,000 words (in Word format); and

¹ Individuals may accept a scholarship from a single WTS chapter per year. Female-identifying students who live and/or work in the Washington, DC area and are pursuing online degrees are eligible. Individuals who have previously received scholarships from the WTS-DC Chapter are eligible if they are pursuing a new degree; however, they are not eligible to be selected more than once while pursuing the same degree.

6. Proof of enrollment in a graduate program (such as a copy of your current tuition receipt or registration card).

The full application must be received by the stated deadline. Applicants are only permitted to apply to one WTS chapter. Recipients will be recognized at the annual WTS-DC Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 1, 2026 and will be required to submit a professional-looking headshot for the Holiday Party Program along with their RSVP (and optional guest name) no later than November 13. Additional details will be provided in award announcements. This application and accompanying information can be found at:

<https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/washington-dc/scholarships-0>.

More information on WTS International scholarships can be found at:

<https://www.wtsinternational.org/wts-foundation/scholarships>.

Any questions should be directed to the WTS-DC Scholarship and Fundraising Committee at: wts.dc.scholarships@gmail.com.

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I. Personal Information

Name

Last

First

Middle

E-mail address

Primary Phone ()

Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

How did you hear about the WTS-DC Scholarship Program?:

II. Educational Background

Current College/University

City, State

Expected Graduation (mm/yy)

Degree & Major

Area of Concentration

Grade Point Average

(Attach official copy of transcript to application.)

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

Professional or School Affiliations (List any school, professional or community activities you have participated in. Include positions held and awards received.)

III. Additional Attachments:

- A. **Resume:** A current resume, including information on any full-time, part-time, co-op or internship, and summer employment.
- B. **Transcript:** A current official transcript (also include official or unofficial transcripts from schools previously attended in pursuit of your current degree sought).
- C. **Recommendations:** Two letters of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor. The recommendation letters should be provided on letterhead and signed, either manually or electronically. Recommendation letters may be directly (separately) submitted to wtscdc.scholarships@gmail.com.
- D. **Personal Statement:** A statement about your career goals after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship. Personal statements should reflect current transportation goals and your journey. Address your vision of how this education will equip you to better serve your community's needs and transportation issues. Highlight leadership achievements and the importance of leadership in a transportation career. Statement should not exceed 1,000 words. Please attach to the application form as a typed Word document. WTS-DC scholarship recipients will be asked to tailor their personal statements to WTS International scholarship requirements before final submission of WTS-DC Chapter nominations.
- E. **Proof of Enrollment:** Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

(initials) - affirm that I will not accept scholarships from more than one WTS chapter within the same calendar year if selected for both.

Applicant Signature

Date