

2026 TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED

PROGRAM INFORMATION & SUBMISSION

For students preparing for transportation-related careers who have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and whose home base or school is in California's Central Valley. Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate, community college, or trade-school program.

REQUIRED: application, transcript, recommendation letter, proof of enrollment, and personal statement (500 words maximum).

Email one complete PDF to LauraR@s2-ei.com and cc Verdin@sjcog.org.

Subject: 2026 Scholarship Application - Applicant Name

Deadline: Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name *

Preferred name

Pronouns (optional)

Email address *

Primary phone *

Current address (street, city, state, ZIP) *

2. PROGRAM CATEGORY - SELECT ONE

☐ Undergraduate

☐ Community college

☐ Trade school

3. EDUCATION & ACADEMIC PERSISTENCE | RUBRIC: 15 POINTS

Current school / institution *

City and state *

Degree / certificate and major or concentration *

Expected graduation *

Cumulative GPA (minimum 3.0) *

Optional academic context: persistence, improvement, challenges overcome, or responsibilities affecting your studies

4. TRANSPORTATION CAREER GOALS & CONNECTION | RUBRIC: 15 POINTS

What career or field will you pursue, and how do your studies and experiences connect to transportation? *

5. LEADERSHIP & INITIATIVE | RUBRIC: 20 POINTS

Describe your strongest leadership example. Identify your role, actions, initiative, and the result or impact. *

6. SERVICE, COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION & RESPONSIBILITIES | RUBRIC: 15 POINTS

Describe community service, caregiving, family, work, or other responsibilities and how you contributed or persisted. *

7. WTS, PROFESSIONAL OR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT | RUBRIC: 10 POINTS

List WTS, professional, school, or transportation-related organizations and activities. Include role, dates, and contribution. *

8. EMPLOYMENT & OTHER EXPERIENCE

List employer / organization, role, dates, and key duties. Include internships, co-ops, part-time, and summer work.

RECOMMENDATION | RUBRIC: 10 POINTS

Attach one letter from a professor, advisor, mentor, or supervisor who can provide specific evidence of your strengths and potential.
The recommendation is scored independently; do not include confidential recommendation content in this form.

9. PERSONAL STATEMENT: CLARITY & AUTHENTICITY | RUBRIC: 15 POINTS

Maximum 500 words. Explain why you should receive a WTS-CenCal scholarship. Bring together your transportation goals, academic journey, leadership, service or responsibilities, and future plans. Use your own voice and specific examples. You may type below or attach a separate statement; if attached, type "See attached statement."

10. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS CHECKLIST

- ☐ Unofficial transcript ☐ Recommendation letter ☐ Proof of enrollment
- ☐ Personal statement included above or attached (maximum 500 words)

11. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that this application is true and complete. I understand that incomplete or late applications will not be considered. If selected, I authorize WTS-CenCal to verify my enrollment and academic information and to use my name, school, photograph, and brief biographical information for scholarship recognition and chapter communications. I understand that the number and amount of awards will be determined after application review.

- ☐ I have read and agree to the certification above.

Applicant signature (type full name) *

Date *

12. FINAL SUBMISSION

Combine this application and all attachments into one PDF. Save a copy before emailing.

TO: LauraR@s2-ei.com CC: Verdin@sjcog.org

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Award checks will be presented at the Project Awards & Scholarship Gala on November 12, 2026, in Fresno, CA.

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