



2027 WTS-Boston Jacquelyn R. Smith Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship/ 2027 WTS Foundation Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field.

The scholarship honors Sharon D. Banks, chief executive officer of AC Transit in Alameda-Contra Costa County, California. As its CEO throughout most of the 1990's, Banks led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public transit workforce. She was a member of the WTS Advisory Board and received the WTS San Francisco Chapter Woman of the Year and Employer of the Year awards.

The WTS-Boston Chapter Jacquelyn R. Smith undergraduate scholarship is in the amount of \$5,000. The winning recipient's application is then forwarded to **the WTS Foundation for consideration for the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship for an additional \$5,000.** The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance, or logistics.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
- d. Must be a member of WTS-Boston. **Student membership is free.** The registration link can be found at <https://www.wtsinternational.org/home/membership>. You must create an account first and then select the WTS-Boston chapter and apply for student membership.
- e. Applicants can win this particular scholarship only once.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted through the WTS-Boston Chapter. To the extent possible, applicants should submit their application materials in one email, including this application form in its original MS Word .docx file format, personal statement, and any supporting documents. Letters of recommendation and transcripts may be included in the applicant's package or submitted separately by the recommender or school, as applicable.

Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. The WTS-Boston

Chapter Jacquelyn R. Smith undergraduate scholarship will be presented in June 2027 at the WTS-Boston Awards & Scholarships Banquet. National awards will be presented during the upcoming WTS Annual Conference in May 2027, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. The WTS-Boston chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Past winners are not eligible for winning the same award twice.

Please return your completed application to:

Heather Moulton and Megha Parameswarai, WTS-Boston Scholarship & Award Committee Co-Chairs at WTSBostonawards@gmail.com. **All complete scholarship applications are due by Friday, November 13, 2026, 5 pm.**

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Date MM/dd/yyyy

I. Personal Information

First Name	M.I. (optional)	Last Name
Email Address		
Primary Phone Number		
Current Address:		
Street		
City, State, ZIP		
Permanent Address: <i>(if different from above)</i>		
Street		
City, State, Zip		
Country (if applicable)		

II. Educational Background

Current College/University <u>School Name</u>
City, State <u>School City, State</u>
Expected Date of Graduation <u>Month/Year</u>
Degree to be Received
Area of Concentration
Grade Point Average
(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Include official copy of transcript with application, or school may email it to WTSBostonawards@gmail.com .)

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

Previous Colleges/Universities

Professional or School Affiliations (List any school, professional or community activities you have participated in. Include offices held and awards received. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as a typed MS Word document or compatible file format.)

Affiliations

III. Employment History

Work Experience (List full-time, part-time, co-op and summer employment. Briefly describe duties and responsibilities. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as a typed MS Word document or compatible file format.)

Work Experience

IV. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application. Attach PDF letter to application, or recommender may email it to WTSBostonawards@gmail.com.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals and/or continuing education 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. The WTS Foundation application portal strictly enforces word-count limits and will not accept statements that exceed the maximum length. Please include as a MS Word document or compatible file format with your application submission.

VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

VII. 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
- ☐ 31-50
- ☐ 50+

3. Anticipated or Current Mode of Transportation Career Focus (select all that apply)

- ☐ Aviation
- ☐ Freight
- ☐ Highway/Auto
- ☐ Maritime/Port
- ☐ Multi-modal
- ☐ Non-Motorized
- ☐ Passenger
- ☐ Transit
- ☐ Other (Please write in)

4. How did you hear about this scholarship?

- ☐ Friend
- ☐ School/Teacher
- ☐ Social Media:
 - ☐ Facebook
 - ☐ Instagram
 - ☐ LinkedIn
 - ☐ Snapchat
 - ☐ TikTok
 - ☐ X (Formerly Twitter)
 - ☐ YouTube
 - ☐ Other (Please write in)
- ☐ WTS Chapter
- ☐ WTS International Website
- ☐ Other (Please write in)

Applicant Signature Type Your Name

Date MM/dd/yyyy