WTS Kim (Staveskie) Guice Memorial Transportation YOU High School Scholarship

Established in 2026 by WTS Northeast Ohio, the Kim (Staveskie) Guice Memorial Scholarship honors the legacy of a dedicated mentor, leader, and advocate for young women in transportation. This scholarship supports high school girls pursuing studies in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, encouraging them to become the next generation of transportation leaders.

As the leader of the WTS Northeast Ohio Mentor/Education and Transportation YOU Committees, Kim dedicated countless hours to inspiring and supporting the next generation of transportation professionals. She championed meaningful mentorship, personally fostering mentor-mentee relationships including taking her mentee to the WTS Washington, D.C. Summit for a week-long immersion in transportation design and policy. Her passion for education, leadership, and service left a lasting impact on our chapter and the broader WTS community. In recognition of her exceptional contributions, Kim was honored with the National WTS Member of the Year Award in 2020. This scholarship reflects her belief in the power of mentorship, education, and opportunity to empower young women to become future leaders in transportation.

Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers young girls ages 13-18 an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. Through the Transportation YOU program and this scholarship, WTS chapters work to make a difference in the lives of young girls by offering opportunities and activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation and encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the steppingstones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry.

The Northeast Ohio Chapter of WTS is accepting applications for the $1,500 Kim (Staveskie) Guice Transportation YOU High School Scholarship. The application of the selected winner will be forwarded for consideration of a $2,500 national-level scholarship. The minimum criteria for selection are:

a. Applicant must be a female high school senior
b. GPA of 3.0 or higher
c. Must be a resident of Ohio OR be currently enrolled in an Ohio High School
d. Currently studying math, science, and technology
e. Considering a college degree in a transportation-related field

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Students are welcome and encouraged to apply for scholarships from other Ohio chapters of WTS (Columbus and Southwest Ohio). WTS Chapters may coordinate their selections to distribute the awards.

Presentation of the local scholarship will take place at a local chapter event in the Spring of 2027; the winner's attendance is requested. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference on May 4-6th, 2027, in Washington, D.C. and attendance of the national winner is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary, and local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection. Please contact your local WTS chapter for specifics.

Applications and all required attachments can be submitted via mail or email to:

Jacob Wroten – Scholarship Chair
c/o HDR Engineering
600 Superior Ave East, Suite 1700
Cleveland, Ohio 44114
E-mail: jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com

Applications and all required attachments must be received no later than December 4, 2026.

Any questions on the application process should be e-mailed to *jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com*.

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Date _____

I. Personal Information

Name_____
Last First Middle

E-mail address_____

Primary Phone (__)_____

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

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

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II. Educational Background

Current High School _____

City, State_____

Expected Date of Graduation_____

Area of Concentration_____

Grade Point Average_____
(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Attach official copy of report card to application.)

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 typed word documents or in PDF format.)

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III. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a teacher, counselor, or principal must accompany your application.

IV. **Personal Statement**: A statement about your goals to pursue studies in STEM areas (science, technology, engineering, or math) while in college, how mentorship has impacted you, and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach as a word document or PDF to application form.

V. **Email Submission:** For an electronic submission, please submit a single document containing the requested information in PDF file format.

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

Parent/Guardian
Signature_____ Date _____

Optional 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
     - ☐ Twitter
     - ☐ YouTube
     - ☐ Other (Please write in) _____
   - ☐ WTS Chapter
   - ☐ WTS International Website
   - ☐ Other (Please write in) _____