



WTS 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.

This scholarship honors Sharon D. Banks, chief executive officer of AC Transit in Alameda-Contra Costa County, California. As its CEO throughout most of the 1990s, Banks led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public-transit work force. 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 Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship is awarded at the local and international level. The WTS Sacramento Chapter will award \$3,000 to the local recipient. WTS Sacramento will then forward the application of the local recipient of this scholarship for entrance in the national level scholarship selection process. The national award is in the amount of \$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

Applications must be submitted through WTS Sacramento as a **single, typed PDF** file.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. **The WTS Sacramento Chapter Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship recipient will receive \$3,000 from the Sacramento Chapter and will be presented with their award at the Annual Award & Scholarships Event in January 2024.**

Applicants are encouraged to apply for multiple applicable WTS Sacramento Scholarships; however, our chapter will award only one scholarship per Applicant.

Recipients of the national awards will be notified in early spring 2024. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2024.

Please return the completed application, including all required attachments, as a single (1), multi-page PDF to: sac.wts.scholarships@gmail.com

Applications (1 multi-page PDF file) must be received by **5pm on October 13, 2023**. Please direct any questions to our Scholarship Chairs at the above email address or:

Veronica Garcia-McGrew (916) 366-3040

Lizette Martinez (831) 235-4729

WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

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

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

II. Educational Background

Current College/University _____ City, State _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____ Degree to be Received _____

Area of Concentration _____

Grade Point Average _____

(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Attach unofficial 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 offices held and awards received. Attach additional sheets, if necessary, as a typed PDF.)

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 PDF.)

IV. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application.

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. Please attach to application form as a typed PDF.

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

Print typed application form, sign, and scan.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____