



## **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.

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 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 Northeast Ohio Chapter of WTS is accepting applications for the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship. The local award is \$1,500 and the application of the selected winner will be forwarded for consideration for the national-level scholarship of \$5,000. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. Must be female
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- c. Must be a resident of Ohio OR be currently enrolled in an Ohio college or university
- d. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as civil/structural/transportation engineering, construction management, planning, finance, or logistics.
- e. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Additional considerations will be given to applicants who have not been previously selected for a WTS Northeast Ohio scholarship. Students are welcome and encouraged to apply for scholarships from other Ohio chapters of WTS (Columbus and Southwest Ohio). Chapters may coordinate their selections in order to distribute the awards.

Presentation of the local scholarship will take place at a local chapter event in March 2019; the winner's attendance is requested. We also request your participation on the scholarship committee in the Fall of 2019. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference on May 15, 2019, in Boston and attendance of the national winner is strongly recommended.

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

Jacob Wroten – Scholarship Chair  
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1100 Superior Ave, Suite 650  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114  
E-mail: [jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com](mailto:jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com)

***Applications and all required attachments must be received no later than November 9, 2018.***

*Any questions on the application process should be e-mailed to [jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com](mailto:jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com).*

# 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):

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

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## 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 official copy of transcript to application.)

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

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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.)

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**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.)

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**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.

**VI. Proof of Enrollment:** Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card. Please also include an official copy of your transcripts or have them sent directly from your college or university.

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

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_