



September 18, 2026

Dear Scholarship Applicant –

Greetings, my name is Maddie Reitz and I am the WTS Michigan Chapter Scholarship Co-Chair. We are looking forward to hearing from you with your scholarship application for the 2026-2027 academic year! In the attached package you will find:

- Scholarship description
- WTS International Award details
- Scholarship Criteria
- Blank Scholarship Form

Please be sure to follow all instructions to ensure that your application is accepted for evaluation.

1. Application and Personal Statement: Email (pdf or word document)
2. Recommendation Letter(s), and Proof of Enrollment: Email (pdf)
3. Official Transcript: Mail or Email (pdf)

Electronic application submissions are preferred.

WTS Michigan will select one winner for the scholarship. The winning application will be presented at our annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet in Winter/Spring 2027. Attendance at the banquet is strongly encouraged and admission is complimentary. WTS Michigan will then submit the winning application for the National award which will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2027. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary.

Please return the completed application to:

Maddie Reitz
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2651 Coolidge Rd
Suite 202
East Lansing, MI 48823
mreitz@hntb.com

Applications must be returned no later than Friday, November 20, 2026

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maddie Reitz'.

Maddie Reitz
WTS Michigan Scholarship Co-Chair



2026-27 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 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 Michigan Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship is **\$3,000** (International is \$5,000 which you will automatically be entered for if you win at the local level). 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.

**2026-27 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 official 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 typed word documents.)

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 typed word documents.)

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 word document.

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

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____