



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 Oklahoma Chapter of WTS is accepting applications for the WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship. The selected applicant will receive **\$3,000** from the Oklahoma Chapter the first year. An additional **\$3,000** will be available to the selected applicant for a second year with the submittal of an updated application that meets the minimum selection criteria. The application of the selected winner of the Oklahoma Chapter's scholarship will be entered for consideration for this year's WTS Foundation scholarship which is **\$5,000**. Eligibility to be entered for consideration for the WTS Foundation scholarship is only offered the first year.

The minimum criteria for selection for the first year 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.

The minimum criteria for renewal for the second year are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate 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 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. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2021, 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. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed on the application for specifics.

Presentation of the Oklahoma Chapter scholarship will take place at an awards event in April 2021; the winner's attendance is requested. Your participation on the scholarship committee in the Fall of 2021 is also requested.

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

Mail:

Jessica Gay – Scholarship Chair
c/o Freese and Nichols
3600 NW 138th St., Suite 202
Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Email:

jessica.gay@freese.com

Applications should be in Word format if emailed and typed if mailed and must be received with all required attachments no later than **January 1, 2021**.

Any questions on the application process should be e-mailed to jessica.gay@freese.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):

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.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____