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 WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship is $1,000. 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 electronically through local WTS chapters as typed Word documents. 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.

Scholarship recipients will be honored at our Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner on April 28, 2016, at the St. Louis Engineers’ Club.

Please return the completed electronic application to:

Jeanne.Olubogun@modot.mo.gov
314-275-1536

Applications must be returned to your local chapter no later than April 4, 2016.
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, as typed word documents.)

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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, as typed word documents.)

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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. 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.

NOTE: Scholarships will be paid directly to the educational institution attended by the winner.

Applicant Signature_____________________________________Date___________________