



## **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 Greater Kansas City Chapter (WTS-KC) is pleased to offer the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The winner of the Greater Kansas City Chapter Scholarship will be nominated for the WTS International Foundation scholarship 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.
- d. Additional Greater Kansas City Chapter criteria are as follows:
  1. Attended a Metro Kansas City area high school (including public, private or home school institutions) and/or
  2. Attends a regional university not serviced by another WTS chapter offering scholarships

Applications must be submitted to WTS-KC 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. Greater Kansas City Chapter awards will be presented at a chapter event in Spring 2017. National awards will be presented on May 18, 2017 during the WTS Annual Conference in New York. If selected for a scholarship, attendance at the awards dinner is strongly recommended. Please contact [wtskansascitychapter@gmail.com](mailto:wtskansascitychapter@gmail.com) with any questions.

Please return the completed application by November 4, 2016 to:

Via Mail:

Kimberly Curry, PE  
WTS Scholarship Committee  
Burns & McDonnell  
9400 Ward Parkway  
Kansas City, MO 64114

Via E-mail: [wtskansascitychapter@gmail.com](mailto:wtskansascitychapter@gmail.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, 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.

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