



October 3, 2022

Dear Scholarship Applicant –

Greetings, my name is Miranda Spare and I am the WTS Michigan Chapter Scholarship Co-Chair. We are looking forward to hearing from you with your scholarship application for the 2022-2023 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. Email (pdf preferred, Word Doc accepted): Application and Personal Statement
2. Email (pdf): Recommendation Letter(s), and Proof of Enrollment
3. Mail or Electronic Download: Official Transcript (*Electronic Download and email preferred*)

***Electronic application submissions are preferred.***

Please return the completed application to:

Miranda Spare  
Michigan Department of Transportation  
Van Wagoner Building  
425 W. Ottawa St.  
P.O. Box 30050  
Lansing, MI 48909  
517-243-4051  
[SpareM@michigan.gov](mailto:SpareM@michigan.gov)

***Applications must be returned no later than Friday, December 2, 2022***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Miranda Spare'.

Miranda Spare, PE  
WTS Michigan Scholarship Co-Chair  
Innovative Contracting Engineer, MDOT

## WTS Paula Hammond Leadership Legacy Scholarship

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, WTS Michigan provides a **\$2,000** scholarship to an outstanding young woman pursuing graduate studies working toward a career in transportation or a related field, and who demonstrates a specific interest in advancing transportation innovation.

The WTS mission to build the transportation industry through the global advancement of women can be realized by encouraging women to further their careers as leaders in transportation. WTS recognizes that transportation is more than simply moving people and goods from one place to another. It is a driver of growth and an integral part of communities throughout the world. The leadership, skills, and perspectives of women are essential to ensure that the transportation systems of the future respond to the needs of all. The Leadership Legacy Scholarship currently takes the name of the 2020-2022 WTS International Chair, Paula Hammond.

The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher
- b. Currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation planning or engineering, security planning, business management, finance, or logistics with a focus on public policy.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
- d. Demonstrated interest in addressing transportation studies issues.
- e. Submission of a personal statement of 500 words or less highlighting candidate's interest in transportation-related fields, relevant experiences and interests, and how this award will contribute to the candidate's ability to make a meaningful contribution in the transportation arena.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed documents. Local chapter winners will be submitted to the national level competition. 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 2023, 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.





**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 \_\_\_\_\_