



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

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 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 **\$1,500**. 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 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 _____