



## **WTS Pittsburgh Chapter Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship - 2020**

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 Pittsburgh Chapter of WTS is accepting applications for the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship from Pennsylvania students (either attending school or permanently residing in Western Pennsylvania, or both). **The Pittsburgh Chapter recipient will receive a \$2,500 scholarship** and her application will be forwarded for consideration for the national-level scholarship of \$5,000.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 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 the WTS Pittsburgh Chapter 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. The local award winner will be announced in early 2020 and honored at the WTS Pittsburgh Scholarship Awards Banquet on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. National awards will be presented during the WTS International Conference in Phoenix in May, 2020. Attendance at the awards dinners is strongly recommended for scholarship recipients.

There are two ways to submit your application:

- 1) **On paper** – fill out this application form, print and mail it to the address below with the required attachments (personal statement, proof of enrollment, transcript, and recommendation). PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE.

**Ms. Jennifer K. McCracken, P.E., PTOE**  
**WTS Scholarship Committee**  
**AECOM**  
**707 Grant Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

- 2) **Via e-mail** – you may submit this application form and/or required attachments directly to the WTS-Pittsburgh Scholarship Committee using the e-mail address:

[jennifer.mccracken@aecom.com](mailto:jennifer.mccracken@aecom.com)

***Applications must be received no later than November 8, 2019.***

*Any questions about the application process can be e-mailed to Barb Sloan at:*  
[barbsloan26@icloud.com](mailto:barbsloan26@icloud.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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