



# WTS Scholarship

Promoting Women in Transportation

**WTS** Advancing women  
Advancing transportation  
› Greater Toronto Area



## The Transportation Industry

Transportation is a thriving and comprehensive industry. It incorporates all forms of human modality—heavy and light rail, aviation, automotive, human-powered means—and draws on the knowledge and skill sets from various fields and educational backgrounds. The evolution of innovative transportation requires minds trained in many disciplines including architecture, engineering, mathematics, geography, political science, policy, economics, finance, planning, environmental science, communications, and more.

***Despite the broad range of educational backgrounds that can lead to a career in transportation, women continue to be under-represented in transportation-related occupations.<sup>1</sup>***

### WTS Scholarship

The WTS Toronto Chapter aims to further the development of the transportation industry through gender diversification within the local workforce. In an effort to promote gender diversity and attract young talent, a scholarship has been established where \$2,500 CDN will be awarded to one undergraduate and one post-graduate student. Two awards may be granted to undergraduate students in the event that there are no qualified post-graduate candidates. The scholarship is open to any student who:

- Is pursuing a degree that will lead to a career in transportation, such as those listed

above. Programs not listed may qualify if the student can demonstrate how their studies will lead to a career in transportation.

- Has a demonstrable interest in promoting the advancement of gender diversity within the transportation industry.
- Is registered full-time at a university or college in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. See [full list of eligible institutions](#).

Scholarship recipients will be selected and notified in October, and presented with the award at the WTS annual event. Recipients will also receive an honorary WTS membership for the duration of the school year to facilitate their introduction to the industry and provide them with an opportunity to begin building their professional network.

**To apply, please complete and submit the attached scholarship form by midnight (11:59 pm) on October 15, 2020.**

**Questions and completed applications can be sent to [wtstoronto.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:wtstoronto.scholarships@gmail.com)**

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*“This scholarship opened the gateway to my career in transportation. It provided me with a means to begin building my professional network which has led to multiple career opportunities within transportation, and mentors who continue to help me develop and succeed. I am very grateful to the WTS Toronto Area Chapter for providing this opportunity.”*

**Heather Aitken, P.Eng.**

2015 WTS Toronto Award Recipient

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<sup>1</sup> Godfrey, J. & Bertini, R.L. (2019). Attracting and retaining women in the transportation industry. San Jose, California: Mineta Transportation Institute.





## WTS International

Founded in 1977, WTS is an international organization dedicated to building the future of transportation through the global advancement of women. Boasting more than 5,000 members—both women and men—WTS is helping women find opportunity and recognition in the transportation industry. Through its professional activities, networking opportunities, and unparalleled access to industry and government leaders, WTS is turning the glass ceiling into a career portal.

WTS sets the benchmark for professional development through innovative programs, awards and scholarships, and corporate and VIP receptions. Actively training future leaders in the crucial skills necessary to advance the transportation industry, WTS empowers its members through formal and informal mentoring programs, a career center, professional development programs, an annual conference, monthly local programs, access to the membership directory, and assists women in obtaining senior positions in national, state, and local transportation agencies, as well as on corporate and governmental boards.



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# Scholarship Application

Please complete and submit to [wtstorontoscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:wtstorontoscholarships@gmail.com)  
**Submission deadline: October 15, 2020, midnight (11:59 pm)**

Scholarships are open to any enrolled student pursuing a degree in planning, engineering, economics, political science, environmental science and other programs, which will lead to a career focused on transportation. Students are eligible if they are currently attending an institution in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. \$2,500 CDN will be awarded to each recipient (two recipients); one undergraduate, one post-graduate. Two awards may be granted to undergraduate students in the event that there are no qualified post-graduate candidates.

Selection of the recipients will be made during the month of October, with a presentation of the scholarships to be made at the WTS Annual Event that will respect current Covid-19 policies and restrictions. Attendance at the event is not mandatory, however, notice of the scholarships and award recipient names will be announced during the event. Their names and photos will also appear in WTS publications. The successful candidates will be invited to attend the event with any expenses covered by WTS.

Please complete the information below and return the form and required documents to: [wtstoronto.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:wtstoronto.scholarships@gmail.com)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

First and Last Name:	
Current Address:	City, Province, Postal Code:
Phone (Home), (Cell):	Email Address:
Permanent Address (if different from above):	

## EDUCATION STATUS

Anticipated Date of Graduation:	Anticipated Degrees to Receive Upon Graduation:
Area of Concentration:	
Attach Copy Most Recent Transcript (if 1st year attach high school) – File name:	

## OTHER INFORMATION

Professional or School Affiliations: <i>Identify any school, professional or community related activities you have participated in, include offices held and awards received, if none put N/A.</i>
Work Experience: <i>Briefly describe part-time, full-time, co-op, summer and other employment you have held. Briefly describe your responsibilities.</i>

### **You must include the following with your application:**

Letters of Recommendation: *Attach two letters of recommendation from a previous teacher, professor, employer or community organization*

Proof of Enrollment: *Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or registration receipt.*

Personal Statement: *Attach a document that describes your career goals, interest in a transportation-related field, relevant experience and an explanation of why you believe you should receive the scholarship based on the scholarship's purpose of promoting the advancement of women in transportation. (Max 2 pages)*

**[www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/toronto/scholarship](http://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/toronto/scholarship)**

WTS Toronto Chapter reserves the right to use award recipient's names, biographies and photos (if provided) on WTS promotional material including the WTS Toronto website and on future scholarship promotional documentation. Submission of a scholarship application to WTS Toronto will be considered consent for WTS Toronto to use the applicant's information on promotional materials. Please send any inquiries on this matter to [wtstoronto.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:wtstoronto.scholarships@gmail.com).