

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 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 CEO of most of the 1990's, Sharon 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 Women and Employer of the Year awards.

The Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship, Michigan Award, is in the amount of \$1,000. The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- a. Open to women
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher
- c. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance or logistics
- d. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters. The 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. ***Winning the WTS Michigan Chapter Award makes your application eligible for the WTS National Scholarship Competition. The National Scholarship award is in the amount of \$3,000.*** National awards will be presented on May 17, 2011 and attendance at awards dinner is strongly recommended. Please direct any questions or concerns to Sarah Binkowski, WTS Michigan Scholarship Chair, at 313-963-4679 or binkowski@pbworld.com.

Please return the completed application to:

**Sarah Binkowski
Parsons Brinckerhoff Michigan, Inc.
500 Griswold, STE 2900
Detroit, MI 48226**

Applications must be returned no later than 5:00 PM on November 8, 2010.

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I. Personal Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Address _____
Street

City State Zip (____) Telephone

E-mail address _____

Permanent Address _____
Street

City State Zip (____) Telephone

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:

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.)

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.)

IV. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words or two pages. Please attach to application form.

VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

Signature_____Date_____