

WTS Orange County Community College Scholarships

The Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is an international organization of transportation professionals with more than 8,000 members, who are committed to excellence in the transportation industry. WTS seeks to break down historic barriers to entry and obstacles to success within the transportation industry by providing a neutral forum for the exchange of information, ideas, experiences, and professional development opportunities. WTS supports the professional advancement of its members and promotes industry recognition of women in the field of transportation. Part of WTS' goal of fostering the development of women in transportation can be realized by encouraging bright new professionals to take careers in the field.

In 2022, the WTS Orange County (WTS-OC) Chapter awarded 11 scholarships to students – for a total of \$50,000. The number of scholarships and the amounts for the 2023 academic year will be determined following a review of the applications received.

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- ✧ Open to Community College students graduating after December 2023.
- ✧ Open to women only.
- ✧ GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- ✧ Currently enrolled in a degree program in a transportation-related field, such as, but not limited to, civil engineering, transportation engineering or planning, aviation, transit, rail, business management, finance, or logistics with a focus on public policy, and/or interest in advocacy for transportation.
- ✧ Currently enrolled in a school within Orange County, a current resident of Orange County or currently/have previous work experience in Orange County.

The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills, and academic record. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- ✧ Coursework, curriculum, academic performance, and recommendation
- ✧ Intent to pursue a career in transportation in Orange County
- ✧ Commitment to transportation as demonstrated by extracurricular activities and/or work experience
- ✧ Personal statement (writing and communication skills)

Applications must be completed and submitted online [WTS-OC Community College Scholarship Online Application](#), or downloaded and scanned as **a single PDF**, and e-mailed to the Scholarship Committee at wtsocscholarship@gmail.com no later than **5:00 p.m. PST on Friday, August 4, 2023**.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can I apply for more than one WTS-OC Scholarship Level per year?

A: No. You may only apply for your respective level of study per year. For example, if you are an Undergraduate Student, you would apply for the WTS-OC Undergraduate Scholarship only. If you are a High School Student, you would apply for the WTS-OC High School Scholarship only.

Q: The person I asked to write my Letter of Recommendation would like to send it to you directly. Is that allowed?

A: Yes. Though we prefer to have a complete package submitted, if your Recommender would prefer to send us your Letter of Recommendation directly, please have them include your name, the scholarship you are applying for, and “Letter of Recommendation” in an email subject line, and email us at wtsocscholarship@gmail.com. Please remember, Letter of Recommendations must be signed and completed on Official Letterhead.

Q: Am I eligible to apply if I’m currently attending a school outside of Orange County, but am a resident from Orange County? Am I eligible to apply if I’m not a resident of Orange County, but I’m currently attending a school in Orange County?

A: Yes, and yes. You must address your connection to Orange County’s transportation industry within your Personal Statement.

Q: What qualifies as “Proof of Current Enrollment?”

A: You may submit an official “Proof of Enrollment,” statement or letter from your school. A screenshot or print out of your current class schedule with valid dates of the current year, semester, and/or quarter would also be accepted. If your current Student ID shows valid dates of your current year, semester, and/or quarter, a scan of the front and back of your Student ID would work as well.

Q: I’m currently in my first semester/quarter of undergraduate/graduate study. How do I provide a copy of my Official Transcript, when I have not completed courses yet?

A: If you are in your first semester/quarter of your undergraduate study, you may submit an Official Transcript from your High School. If you are in your first semester/quarter of your graduate study, you may submit an Official Transcript from your Undergraduate School.

Note: Your application will not be considered if you do not submit a copy of your transcript and letter(s) of recommendation on official letterhead, along with all other application materials in one PDF by the date and time listed above.

Should you have any other questions, please contact wtsocscholarship@gmail.com.

The top winner of the WTS Orange County Scholarship may go on to compete nationally for the following scholarship:

WTS Junior College/Trade School Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in transportation. One way it does this is by awarding community, technical, or trade college scholarships to women pursuing transportation- related study at community and trade colleges.

This scholarship is intended for students pursuing an associate or technical degree in transportation-related studies.

The WTS Junior College/Trade School Scholarship amount is to be determined at a later date.

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IX. Other Information:

Are you applying for a scholarship from another WTS Chapter? If yes, *please provide the Chapter.*

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?

Applicant
Signature _____ Date _____