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To our colleagues in transportation education:

The Washington DC Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) asks your assistance in publicizing our annual undergraduate and graduate scholarship competition. We hope you will make the enclosed information available to your top students with an interest in transportation-related careers.

WTS is an international organization of transportation professionals committed to career and industry excellence. Through more than 50 chapters in the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom – and with a membership of over 6,000 individuals – WTS provides seminars, newsletters, scholarships, conferences, and networking opportunities for working professionals. While WTS has both male and female members, one of its primary goals is to promote professional development opportunities for women pursuing transportation careers.

As an organization, WTS offers two levels of scholarships: those provided by chapters and those provided by the umbrella organization, WTS International. The WTS-DC chapter offers graduate and undergraduate scholarships. Last year, WTS-DC awarded four scholarships totaling \$8,500. This year we anticipate awarding four graduate scholarships of up to \$2,000 each and two undergraduate scholarships of up to \$1,500 each.

Recipients of the WTS-DC scholarships will then be nominated for WTS International recognitions—the Helene M. Overly Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$10,000), the Leadership Legacy Scholarship for Graduates (\$5,000), the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000) and the Molitoris Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates (\$5,000).

Applicants wishing to be considered by the WTS-DC Chapter must:

1. Be women
2. Have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher
3. Be enrolled in a college or university where they are pursuing a degree in transportation or in a transportation-related field, such as transportation planning or engineering, security planning, business management, finance or logistics with a focus on public policy
4. Plan to pursue a career in transportation or a transportation-related field
5. Attend school in the Washington, DC metropolitan area

The WTS-DC Chapter will consider each scholarship candidate who meets all of the above criteria and whose complete application **package must be emailed to wts.dc.scholarships@gmail.com by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018.** We request that students do not apply to more than one WTS chapter.

A completed application consists of the following six items:

1. A WTS-DC Scholarship Application form, typed and signed by the applicant
2. A current resume
3. Current official/unofficial transcript(s) from all institutions attended as the applicant has pursued the current degree sought
4. One (undergraduate) or two (graduate) letter(s) of recommendation written specifically with regard to this application from a professor and/or job supervisor
5. A personal statement, not to exceed 500 words (undergraduate) or 1,000 words (graduate)
6. Proof of enrollment (such as a copy of a current tuition receipt or registration card)

This letter and accompanying applications can also be found at:

<http://www.wtsinternational.org/washington-dc/scholarships-awards/>

More information on WTS International scholarships can be found at:

<https://www.wtsinternational.org/education/scholarships/>

Applicants will be evaluated based on their specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills, and academic record. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Financial need is not a criterion for selection, and international students are eligible provided they meet the criteria above. The WTS-DC Chapter Board will select the recipients, notify all applicants of their decision, and nominate the Chapter's winners for WTS International award consideration by early December. Recipients are invited to receive their scholarship and gain recognition at the annual WTS-DC Holiday Party in Washington DC in December.

WTS appreciates your assistance in its effort to provide tangible support to women who are pursuing careers in transportation. Please encourage all eligible students to apply, and distribute this letter and the enclosed application form to those who may be interested. If you have any questions, please direct all questions to wts.dc.scholarships@gmail.com. We look forward to receiving applications from your most qualified students.

Sincerely,

WTS - DC Chapter Scholarship Chair



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