



Advancing Women in Transportation
Greater Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter

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**RE: Women's Transportation Seminar
2010 Graduate and Undergraduate Scholarship Applications**

The Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is an international organization with over 4,100 members and 46 chapters. WTS is committed to excellence in the transportation industry and provides an opportunity for member career advancement through the exchange of information, ideas, and experiences. WTS' network provides professional support to its members through a variety of services, including career development assistance, seminars on current transportation issues, and regular newsletters.

To encourage women pursuing careers in transportation, the Greater Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of WTS awards three local scholarships to a graduate (\$1,500) and two undergraduate (\$1,000 each) students. The scholarships are open to students attending an eligible college or university (see attached listing) in Texas and Oklahoma. These scholarships have been made possible through generous contributions from our corporate members. Every year, the scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills, and academic record. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Past applicants have had backgrounds in civil, mechanical, electrical, and environmental engineering, as well as urban planning, public policy, public safety, and emergency response. Please encourage your students to apply for these scholarships.

All over the world, local WTS chapter scholarship winners become eligible for a corresponding international scholarship. Four International scholarships are available. The international graduate award is \$6,000, the international undergraduate award is \$3,000, and the international leadership awards for graduate and undergraduate students are \$3,000 each. Our chapter does not have a local scholarship corresponding to the international graduate leadership scholarship, and applicants are encouraged to submit applications for both graduate awards. The local and national scholarships are based on the same criteria in order to maximize the possibility that the applicant can also win the international scholarship award. Thus, applicants should complete the enclosed applications to be eligible for both local and national awards. The three local WTS scholarships are:

- Wanda J. Schafer Graduate Scholarship, established in 2002 in honor of the first chapter president of the Dallas/Fort Worth chapter, is designed to encourage women to pursue career paths in transportation. This is a \$1,500 scholarship awarded to a student pursuing graduate studies in transportation or a related field.
- Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter WTS Undergraduate Scholarship, is designed to foster the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in transportation. This award is for \$1,000.
- Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter WTS Undergraduate Leadership Scholarship, named to motivate and reward women who demonstrate leadership in the transportation industry. This is a \$1,000 scholarship.

Your university may have several deserving women who are eligible for one or more of these scholarships and we are asking for your assistance in making the application forms available to them. Please encourage any women meeting the minimum criteria to apply. The applications are simple and straightforward and may be downloaded from <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/wts/>. The application form and accompanying transcript, personal statement, and letter(s) of recommendation must be post marked no later than Friday, October 29, 2010, in order to be eligible for the scholarships. We expect to notify the women selected in December 2010.

We appreciate your assistance and wish your candidates the best of luck. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (817) 695-9284 or awilson@nctcog.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Wilson".

Amanda Wilson
Scholarship Chair
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