2017-2018

WTS Diane Woodend Jones Leadership Legacy Scholarship

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, the Greater Chicago Chapter provides $2,500 to an outstanding young woman pursuing graduate studies working toward a career in transportation or a related field, and who demonstrates a specific interest in advancing transportation innovation in the international arena. The winner of the Greater Chicago Chapter scholarship will be nominated for the WTS International Foundation scholarship of $5,000.

The WTS mission to build the transportation industry through the global advancement of women can be realized by encouraging women to further their careers as leaders in transportation. WTS recognizes that transportation is more than simply moving people and goods from one place to another. It is a driver of growth and an integral part of communities throughout the world. The leadership, skills, and perspectives of women are essential to ensure that the transportation systems of the future respond to the needs of all. Through the Leadership Legacy Scholarship, WTS seeks to motivate and reward women who demonstrate leadership in the industry to bring ideas, innovation, and new approaches to transportation challenges in the US and beyond.

The Leadership Legacy Scholarship currently takes the name of the 2016-2018 WTS International Chair, Diane Woodend Jones.

The minimum criteria for selection are:

a. GPA of 3.0 or higher
b. Currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation planning or engineering, security planning, business management, finance, or logistics with a focus on public policy in Illinois, Indiana or Iowa.
c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
d. Demonstrated interest in addressing transportation studies issue(s).
e. Submission of a personal statement of 500 words or less highlighting candidate’s interest in transportation/related field, relevant experiences and interests, and how this award will contribute to the candidate’s ability to make a meaningful contribution in the transportation arena.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed Word documents. 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. Chicago chapter awards will be presented at the annual awards event to be held in Chicago, IL in the Spring of 2018. National awards will be presented in May 2018 at the annual WTS International Conference in San Diego, CA. If selected for a scholarship, attendance at the awards event is strongly recommended. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed below for specifics.
Questions may be sent via e-mail to WTSChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com.

Word versions of the application form may be downloaded from http://www.wtsinternational.org/greaterchicago/scholarships/

Completed applications must be received by your local chapter no later than:
Friday, October 27, 2017.
Submittal Instructions & Checklists

The requested documents are to be e-mailed and a complete package is to be mailed following the instructions below.

E-mail: WTSChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com

Subject Line: “Last Name – Scholarship Name” (ie. “Smith- Leadership Legacy Scholarship”)

Documents to Include:

☐ 1. Application Form (Word document)
☐ 2. Personal Statement (Word document)
☐ 3. Proof of Enrollment (PDF document)
☐ 4. Resume (optional)

E-mail must be received by 11:59pm CT, October 27, 2017.

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Mail: A single application package including the following documents is preferred. If any documents will be arriving separately, please let us know this in your email submission.

Address:

Anusha Suryanarayanan
WSP
WTS Greater Chicago Scholarship Committee Chair
30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 4200
Chicago, IL 60602

Documents to Include:

☐ 1. Signed Application Form
☐ 2. Official Transcript
☐ 3. Two Recommendation Letters (Submit in a signed, sealed envelope)
☐ 4. Personal Statement
☐ 5. Proof of Enrollment
☐ 6. Resume (optional)

Packages must be received by October 27, 2017.
Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Who do I contact with questions?
A: Questions can be e-mailed to WTSChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com

Q: Can I e-mail my application?
A: See the submittal instructions on page three of the application packet. Select documents are to be submitted via email with a complete package submitted via mail.

Q: Can I apply for more than one scholarship?
A: Yes. You can apply for all scholarships for which you meet the minimum criteria for selection that are included on page one of the application packet.

Q: What should I include for my transcript if this is my first semester?
A: Include a transcript from your last program (ie. high school, another college/university, etc.).

Q: Can I use my student ID as proof of enrollment?
A: No. Examples of proof of enrollment include an official listing of courses which you are currently enrolled in or a tuition receipt for the current semester.

Q: Are international students eligible to apply?
A: Yes. International students are eligible and encouraged to apply. Students must be attending a school in Illinois, Iowa or Indiana to be eligible for a graduate scholarship from the Greater Chicago Chapter.

Q: Are “dreamers” eligible to apply?
A: Yes. “Dreamers” (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act) are eligible to apply.

Q: When will I be notified if I have been selected for the scholarship award?
A: Students are typically notified if they have been selected for the Greater Chicago Chapter Award in December. Winners of the local chapter award are nominated for the International Foundation award. Students are typically notified if they have been selected for the International Foundation award in March.

Q: When will scholarship funds be received from the WTS Greater Chicago Chapter?
A: Scholarships will be issued at the annual scholarship awards event in Spring 2018.

Q: Can I apply for a scholarship if I have applied in previous years?
A: Yes.

Q: Can I apply for a scholarship if I am a past recipient?
A: Yes.
Leadership Legacy Scholarship for Graduates Application

I. Personal Information

Name________________________________________________________________

Last                                    First                                         Middle

Student E-mail address______________________________

Permanent E-mail address___________________________

Primary Phone (___)_______________________________

Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

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Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

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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:

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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, as typed word documents.)

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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, as typed word documents.)

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IV. Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation by a professor, advisor 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. Applicants must address the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant’s leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach as a word document to application form.

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

VII. Resume (optional): If you would like your resume forwarded to companies in the Chicago area for potential internship or full-time opportunities, please include a copy with your application. Please note on your resume your anticipated graduation date and if you are looking for an internship or full-time position.

Applicant Signature_____________________________________Date___________________