WTS Dana Hook Leadership Legacy Scholarship

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, WTS provides a $1,000 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 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 2012-2014 WTS International Chair, Dana Hook. As Chair of the WTS International Board of Directors, Dana Hook’s involvement in WTS began 10 years ago in Tucson where she attended events. She became more active in Seattle, WA, when she joined the local chapter board and served in several positions, including president and the WTS Annual Conference Fundraising Chair in 2009. In 2010 she received the WTS Puget Sound Member of the Year Award. In that same year, Dana also joined the WTS International Board of Directors and ultimately became the Chair of the Board in 2012. Dana is a registered Professional Engineer who began her career at the Indiana Department of Transportation. After taking several years off to raise her family, Dana rejoined the workforce in Pima County, AZ, as an assistant traffic engineer. After four years on the public side, Dana transferred to the private side and moved to Seattle to design and manage rail transit projects. She currently is a Vice President at CDM Smith in San Diego, CA.

The WTS Dana Hook Leadership Legacy Scholarship has a sustainable community and public transit focus with special emphasis on candidates who are working to rejoin the workforce after some time away from the industry.

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.
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 1,000 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. National awards will be presented on May 15, 2014, and attendance at the awards dinner is strongly recommended. Local chapters may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed below for specifics.

Please return the completed application to:

WTS Greater Chicago Chapter
ATTENTION SCHOLARSHIP
PO Box 804535
Chicago, IL 60680

Applications must be returned to your local chapter no later than November 4, 2013.
Leadership Legacy Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name

Last                                    First                                         Middle

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 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 your vision of how this education will equip you to better serve your community’s needs and transportation issues. Statement should not exceed 1,000 words or two pages. Please attach as a word document to application form.

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

Applicant Signature_____________________________________Date___________________