WTS Western North Carolina STEM Camp Scholarship 2020

WTS International is an international organization with over 6,000 members dedicated to the professional advancement of women in transportation careers. WTS chapters work to make a difference in the lives of girls by offering programs and activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation and encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry. Awarding scholarships to girls pursuing school studies in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) is one way that WTS International encourages future interest in transportation-related professions.

The WTS Western North Carolina Chapter will be offering three STEM Camp Scholarship for the summer of 2019, in the amount not to exceed $250 each, to be paid directly to the STEM-based camp of your choice. Transportation to the camp will be the responsibility of the awarded scholar.

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

A. Open to girls ages 10-17
B. Residing in western North Carolina (areas included in Regional Council regions A, B, C, D or E - see map at http://www.ncregions.org/regional-councils/; counties including Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Michell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Swain, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey).
C. GPA of 2.5 or higher (or demonstration of equivalent school performance)
D. Interested in learning more about the natural world, math, science or transportation-related studies
E. A letter of recommendation from a transportation, science, engineering, math or technology teacher or professional.

Applications must be submitted through WTS Western NC chapter. This scholarship is competitive and based on the applicant's specific goals, academic record and science and transportation-related activities and interests. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Please return the completed application electronically to WTSofWNC@gmail.com (put “summer camp scholarship” in the subject line) by the end of business day on Friday December 20th, 2019.
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Applications may also be dropped off in person and directed to WTS WNC Chapter, Tristan Winkler, Land of Sky Regional Council, 339 New Leicester Hwy, Ste 140, Asheville, NC 28806. Electronic submissions are preferred.

The award will be announced by Friday January 24, 2019.

One applicant will be selected and notified, and scholarship check from WTS will be made out to the camp of the selected applicant’s choice. Please indicate the camp’s name and mailing information for payment. Please note that the family of the student will be responsible for paying the remaining balance if camp costs exceed $250.

Summer camp programs targeted for this application are expected to contribute to learning about the natural world and the environment, math, science or engineering and transportation studies in some ways. Summer camp locations are not limited to western North Carolina. Examples of eligible summer camp programs include but are not limited to:

- Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) Summer Day Camp (Asheville, UNCA Campus) [http://ashevillescience.org/education/summer-camp/](http://ashevillescience.org/education/summer-camp/)
- Muddy Sneakers Trail Blazers camp (Brevard, Hendersonville) [https://muddysneakers.org/camp/camp-registration/camp-sessions](https://muddysneakers.org/camp/camp-registration/camp-sessions)
- YWCA Summer Camp Programs such as PEP Science Explorers, PEP Tech and Seek, PEP in the Water, PEP Saves the Planet or similar themed camps, 2020 info posted at [https://ywacm.org/camp/](https://ywacm.org/camp/)
- Other science, natural world, math, engineering and STEM-related summer camp programs

Applications must be returned to the WTS Western NC chapter no later than December 20th, 2019.
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Application

I. Personal Information

Student’s Name______________________________________________________________
  Last                                    First                                         Middle

Parent’s or Guardian’s Name______________________________________________________
  Last                                    First                                         Middle

Best Phone Number to Reach You:__________________________________

Current Address___________________________________________________________
  Street________________________________________
  City               State                       Zip

E-mail address______________________________________________________________

II. Educational Background

School ________________________ City, State_______________

Current Grade Level (6, 7, high school sophomore, etc.)

Areas of Interest___________________________________________________________

Grade Point Average ____________ (Minimum GPA of 2.5 required, or demonstration of equivalent school performance. Attach a copy of latest available report card or school progress report.

Professional or school affiliations, volunteer and community activities (List any school, professional or community and volunteer activities in which you have participated. Include offices held and awards received.

III. Summer Camp

Name of camp_______________________________________________________________

Target dates of attendance___________________________________________________

Cost/week _________________________________________________________________
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Phone number/email_______________________________________________________

Camp Mailing Address _______________________________________________________
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IV. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a teacher, counselor or STEM professional must accompany your application. Can be emailed separately to WTSofWNC@gmail.com with the student’s name and summer camp in the subject.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your future studies interests, how this particular summer camp would contribute to further development of your interests, and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words or two pages. Please attach to application form.

Student
Signature____________________________________Date____________________

Parent/Guardian
Signature____________________________________Date____________________