

Canadian Education Foundation Scholarship Application



The WTS Canadian Education Foundation, a volunteer-run registered Canadian charity, is committed to enhancing Canada's transportation industry through diversity. The **Accessible Communities Scholarship** sponsored by **Left Turn Right Turn**, aims to support the growth of students in the transportation field by encouraging promising new professionals and students to pursue careers in transportation. This scholarship is open to enrolled post-secondary school students pursuing a degree in planning, economics, engineering, political science, environmental science and other programs related to the transportation industry. Students with a demonstrated academic or personal interest in improving the accessibility of our communities and transportation systems are strongly encouraged to apply. Students are eligible if they are currently enrolled at an accredited university in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area..



Left Turn Right Turn is a boutique Canadian consulting firm, passionate about improving communities through the collaborative exploration of solutions in transit and accessibility.

Individual **\$3,000 (CAD)** scholarships will be awarded to one undergraduate or graduate student. Previous WTS Scholarship recipients are not eligible.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be made in March/April 2025, and successful applicants will be announced at the WTS Annual Conference in May 2025. Attendance at the conference is encouraged but not mandatory. However, notice of the scholarships and award recipient names will be shared during the conference. Recipient names and photos will also appear in the **WTS Canadian Education Foundation** and the **WTS Toronto Area Chapter** publications.

Applicants are advised that using AI, generative AI, or programs of such nature to fill out this form or any of the supplementary documentation to this application is strictly prohibited. Submissions found to be generated by such tools will result in immediate disqualification. Please complete the information below and return the form and required documents by **March 31, 2025**, to: info@wtscef.ca

Application (Please check only one of the following)

<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Scholarship
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CONTACT INFORMATION

First and Last Name:	
Phone:	Email Address:
Current Address: <i>City, Province, Postal Code</i>	
Permanent Address (if different from above): <i>City, Province, Postal Code</i>	

EDUCATION STATUS

Post-Secondary School:	
Level: Undergrad/Graduate - 1st year, 2nd year, etc.	
Area of Concentration:	Research Topic: If applicable
Anticipated Date of Graduation: Month/Year	
Anticipated Degree to be Receive Upon Graduation:	

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OTHER INFORMATION

Professional or Community Affiliations:

Identify any professional or community-related activities, including school groups you have participated in. Include roles and offices held in the space provided. If none, insert N/A.

Academic Awards or Achievements:

Identify any academic awards or scholastic achievements in the space provided. If none, insert N/A.

Work Experience:

Briefly describe part-time, full-time, co-op, summer or other employment you have held and your responsibilities in the space provided. If none, insert N/A.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- You must include the following documents in a single email with your application form, multiple emails are not accepted.
- Please use check boxes to confirm you have included the requested documents in your submission. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
- All attachments should be in PDF format and named with Document Title-Last name

1.	<p>Personal Statement: (Max. 2 pages)</p> <p>Attach a <u>personal</u> essay that describes your interest in improving the accessibility of our communities and transportation systems for people with disabilities. Lived experience examples are encouraged. Your essay should include your career goals, and an explanation of why you believe you should receive the scholarship based on WTS' broader purpose of promoting the advancement of women in transportation. Please refer to the Application Guide on page 4.</p>
2.	<p>Letter of Recommendation: (Max. 1 page)</p> <p>Attach one (1) letter of recommendation from a previous teacher, professor, employer or community leader (including Elder, mentor, or cultural teacher). The letter should address why you are a good candidate based on the noted scholarship criteria.</p>
3.	<p>Proof of Enrollment:</p> <p>Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or registration receipt.</p>
4.	<p>Transcripts:</p> <p>Attach a copy of your most recent transcript. If first year attach high school transcript.</p>
5.	<p>Other:</p> <p>Please indicate any other supporting documentation submitted with your application.</p>

Signature of Student

Date of Application

I understand and agree that if I am chosen as a scholarship recipient, the scholarship's Sponsoring organization, the WTS Canadian Education Foundation and other WTS entities may use my name, biography, and photo in promotional materials, including their websites and future scholarship promotional documents. By submitting this scholarship application to the WTS Canadian Education Foundation, I consent to the use of my information in promotional materials.

WTS Canadian Education Foundation reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel this scholarship without notice to applicants if it determines that no applicant meets the eligibility criteria or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the WTS Canadian Education Foundation. This decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

Please send any inquiries on this matter to info@wtscef.ca

Application Guide

1. **Review the scholarship requirements:** Before you start your application, make sure you understand the eligibility requirements for the WTS Canadian Education Foundation scholarship. The scholarship is open to anyone pursuing a degree or diploma in transportation or a related field, and applicants must be currently enrolled at an accredited university in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.
2. **Deadlines:** Ensure you submit by the submission deadlines, have included all required documents, and pay attention to any additional instructions or prompts.
3. **Understand the selection criteria:** The WTS Canadian Education Foundation scholarship is awarded based on your connection with the transportation industry and any related activities and interests, demonstrable interest in the promotion of the advancement of gender diversity within the transportation industry, leadership potential and good character with consideration for academic performance and work experience. When writing your Personal Statement, keep the criteria in mind and provide examples that demonstrate your qualifications.
 - 3.1. **Highlight Your Relevant Experiences:** Use the Personal Statement to discuss any transportation-related activities or interests you have pursued, such as research, internships or co-op positions, or volunteer work. The applicant should place greater emphasis on sharing their personal journey by demonstrating how their experience has made them come to appreciate the importance of promoting gender diversity in the transportation industry.
 - 3.2. **Showcase Your Leadership Skills:** The WTs Canadian Education Foundation scholarship values individuals with strong leadership potential. Highlight any leadership roles you have taken on, such as leading a team project or volunteering for a transportation-related organization. Explain how these experiences have developed your leadership skills and how they will contribute to the transportation industry.
 - 3.3. **Connect Your Experiences to Your Future Goals:** Your Personal Statement should explain how your experiences have prepared you for your future career goals. Discuss your long-term career aspirations and how you hope to contribute to the transportation industry. Explain how the scholarship will help you achieve these goals, and how you plan to leverage the scholarship to make a positive impact on the industry.
 - 3.4. **Emphasize Your Passion:** Lastly, make sure to emphasize your passion for transportation. Explain why transportation is important to you and how you hope to contribute to its growth and development. Your passion should shine through in your Personal Statement, making it clear to the scholarship committee why you are a strong candidate for the WTS Canadian Education Foundation scholarship
 - 3.5. **Edit and Revise:** Once you have drafted your Personal Statement, take the time to edit and revise it. Check for spelling and grammatical errors and ensure that your writing is clear and concise. Share your statement with a friend, family member, or mentor to get feedback and suggestions for improvement.