



WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field.

The scholarship honors Sharon D. Banks, chief executive officer of AC Transit in Alameda-Contra Costa County, California. As its CEO throughout most of the 1990's, Banks led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public transit workforce. She was a member of the WTS Advisory Board and received the WTS San Francisco Chapter Woman of the Year and Employer of the Year awards.

The WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship is **\$5,000**.

The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance, or logistics.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. National awards will be presented during the upcoming WTS Annual Conference in May, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Please contact your local WTS chapter for specifics.

WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Application

Date: 1/1/2026

I. Personal Information

Name Tindall Kait Nicole
Last First Middle

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

1029 Springwater Ct., Cincinnati OH, 45215

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

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II. Educational Background

Current University: University of Cincinnati City, State: Cincinnati, OH

Expected Date of Graduation: Spring 2029

Degree to be Received: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Area of Concentration: Transportation Engineering

Grade Point Average: 4.0

(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Attach official copy of transcript to application.)

I attached two transcript documents to my application. One is my full transcript

for the civil engineering bachelor's degree program I am currently enrolled in.

the other contains my transcripts from previous institutions/programs.

Previous Colleges/Universities Attended, Date Degree Earned and GPA:

The Ohio State University: Bachelor of Science in Biology. Spring 2021. GPA 3.718

Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine: Successfully completed two years of medical school at OUHCOM, then decided to withdraw and pursue engineering. We did not get a GPA because all classes were graded on a pass/fail system. I passed all classes.

Sinclair Community College: I took two classes at Sinclair - one during high school and one while home on summer break when earning my bachelor's degree at Ohio State. No degree earned. GPA 4.0

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.

-Winner of the Spring Writing Contest at the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash (Spring 2025)

-Dean's List Spring 2025 and Fall 2025 Semesters

-Teaching Assistant at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (2022-2023)

-President of OUHCOM's chapter of AMSA (American Medical Student Association) (2022-2023)

-Pelotonia Undergraduate Research Fellowship at The Ohio State University (2020-2021)

-Peer Leader for Undergraduate Biology Course at The Ohio State University (2019)

-President of Humanism in Medicine undergraduate student organization at OSU (2020-2021)

-OSU's Aspiration for Women's Advancement and Retention in Engineering and Sciences (2019)

-Completed the International Affairs Scholars Program at OSU (2017-2018)

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.)

I will begin my first full-time engineering co-op on January 12, 2026. This will be the first of two semester-long co-ops with The Kleinger's Group in West Chester, Ohio. I will be working in the transportation department. My team designs complex roadways, bike facilities, traffic signal systems, performs safety studies, and more.

I have worked at Costco Wholesale since May 2024. My current position is in the clothing department, where I maintain the sales floor and assist members with their shopping needs. I have also held other roles at Costco before transitioning to my current position. Previously, I worked in the merchandise department, where I stocked items in the evenings after the warehouse closed. Prior to that, I was a front-end assistant, which entailed assisting cashiers and members and maintaining the sales floor, amongst other tasks.

While I was completing my first bachelor's degree at The Ohio State University, I worked as a student research assistant in the Experimental Hematology Laboratory. In this role, I planned and performed experiments, created presentations about experimental results and presented them to my lab team, and learned how to maintain professionalism in an academic work environment. My project was focused on investigating a possible treatment for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. After working in the lab for a couple of years, I applied and was selected for a competitive Pelotonia Undergraduate Research Fellowship for the 2020-2021 academic year.

IV. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application. Two recommendation letters are attached to my application – one from my Costco manager, and one from a teaching assistant.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals and/or continuing education 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 to application form as a typed word document.

VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card. I provided an enrollment verification certificate from my university registrar.

VII. Demographic Information: WTS is committed to recognizing the achievements of students pursuing transportation related degrees. To track our progress in reaching diverse applicants, we ask that you complete this confidential demographic information. **This is not required for scholarship awards and will not be used in the selection process.**

1 Race/Ethnicity (select all that apply)

- Asian
- Black
- East Indian
- Hispanic/Latino

- Indigenous
- Middle Eastern
- Multiracial
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Other (please write in)
- Choose not to disclose

2 Age

- 15-18
- 19-23
- 24-30
- 31-50
- 50+

3 Anticipated or Current Mode of Transportation Career Focus (select all that apply)

- Aviation
- Freight
- Highway/Auto
- Maritime/Port
- Multi-modal
- Non-Motorized
- Passenger
- Transit
- Other (please write in) Electrification

4 How did you hear about this scholarship?

- Friend
- School/Teacher
- Social Media:
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - LinkedIn
 - Snapchat
 - TikTok
 - Twitter
 - YouTube
 - Other (please write in)
- WTS Chapter
- WTS International Website
- Other (please write in) _____

Applicant Signature: Kait Tindall

Date: 1/1/2026

Michael Olivarez
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December 30, 2025

To Whom it may concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Kaitlyn Tindall, a remarkable and ambitious student whose dedication, intelligence, and compassion set her apart from her peers. I have had the privilege of supervising Kaitlyn for the past year during her studies, and I am confident she will excel in pursuing her passion of transportation related areas and make an impactful contribution to that profession.

I believe that Kaitlyn has the ability and passion to succeed in an area of transportation. Kaitlyn's ability to grasp complex concepts and apply them in practical settings has consistently impressed me. I know that this isn't a related environment but I have personally witnessed Kaitlyn excel at challenges given to her with no hesitation. Kaitlyn can work through problems and have great end results when it comes to her studies and life challenges she faces. In her current role as a night merchant Kaitlyn is responsible for making sure the right product is available for our members, and that time management is maintained in order to complete the night's work. Kaitlyn is always looking for ways to improve the business and makes great suggestions to ensure she puts the company first. This proves to me that Kaitlyn has the ambition and willingness to go above and beyond.

I wholeheartedly recommend Kaitlyn Tindall for your scholarship program and have no doubt she will exceed all of your expectations. She has the intelligence, work ethic, and heart needed to thrive in any environment she sees fit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at W384NM01@Costco.com or (513) 774-0024 if you have any questions or require further information about Kaitlyn Tindall.

Sincerely,
Michael Olivarez
Night Manager
Costco Wholesale #384



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To whom it may concern,

I am Andrew T. Pipo, an Embedded Systems Software Engineer and Co-op Recruiter at ATech Training, Inc., and an alumnus of the University of Cincinnati, where I earned my bachelor's degree in computer science as part of the Class of 2025. I am writing to formally and enthusiastically recommend Kait Tindall for your scholarship.

During my time at the University of Cincinnati, I had the pleasure of working with Kait while serving as a Lead Teaching Assistant for the Engineering Design Thinking I course. Kait was a student in the section to which I was assigned, and throughout the semester she consistently stood out for her intelligence, curiosity, and strong work ethic.

Kait demonstrated the qualities of an excellent engineer by consistently asking insightful questions, seeking a deeper understanding of the material, and thoroughly working through project details. In a transportation-focused project, she collaborated with a team of peers to design and develop a robot capable of performing parking maneuvers. Throughout this process, Kait routinely went beyond course expectations by researching additional concepts, refining design decisions, and iterating on her work to improve performance. When faced with challenges, she displayed resilience and determination, thoughtfully navigating obstacles and ultimately delivering results that exceeded expectations.

Beyond her technical abilities, Kait is thoughtful, communicative, and genuinely kind to others. Her positive attitude and collaborative nature made her a valuable presence in the classroom and would undoubtedly translate well to any academic or professional environment. She is the type of individual who elevates the teams and communities she is part of.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me by email or phone. Thank you for your time and consideration of Kait Tindall for your scholarship. I am confident she will make excellent use of this opportunity.

Best Regards,

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Some of my favorite memories are train rides I've taken. Looking out the train window at the inspiring cityscape of NYC and the rolling hills of the Czech Republic were highlights of my vacations. Settling into a comfortable chair, cracking open a book, listening to the soft thump of the wheels on the track, and striking up conversations with someone new highlight exactly what our transportation experiences should be – opportunities to unwind and recharge. These train rides were catalysts for my interest in transportation engineering and my career goal of making transportation more accessible, reliable, and sustainable.

Imagine a United States in which people living in suburbs can ride their bikes to the nearest bus stop, take an electric-powered bus to the nearest metro station, then ride a high-speed electric metro into the city to get to work. The buses and metros are an integrated system, with designated spots onboard for bikes. Buses and metros follow a precise schedule, and their stations are safe and well-maintained. Algorithms running our traffic signals are continuously improved to ensure the system runs well even during peak transit times. Commutes are safe, affordable, and efficient.

My goal is to turn this vision into a reality for the nearly 300 million people living in metropolitan areas across the U.S. It will be no easy feat, but it is possible with dedicated teams and strong leadership. We need fearless leaders to advocate for sustainable transportation systems in our communities and challenge the auto and oil industries that prefer the status quo. I'm a strong leader and an asset to this mission. I've gained leadership experience as the former president of two student organizations, a teaching assistant, and a peer leader for an undergraduate class. The first way that I plan to use my leadership skills to push our field forward is by starting a transportation engineering-focused student organization at UC.

I'm early in my journey to becoming a transportation engineer, but my path is taking shape. I've completed most of my school's first-year civil engineering curriculum, and I'm beginning a series of two full-time transportation engineering co-ops on January 12th. For the spring and fall semesters of 2026, I'll be working at The Kleinger's Group in West Chester, Ohio. My team designs complex roadways, bike facilities, traffic signal systems, and more. This is an incredible opportunity to apply knowledge from my coursework to real-world transportation engineering projects early in my education.

Outside of school, I spend my evenings working at Costco. I enjoy my job and I appreciate the income, but it's very time-consuming. For the past three semesters, I have worked 25 hours a week. Working five 5-hour shifts and having an hour-long commute from school to work makes it difficult to keep up with schoolwork. Winning a scholarship would allow me to work fewer hours during school semesters and have time to participate in extracurricular activities that will benefit my education and career.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

-Kait Tindall

Enrollment Verification Certificate

Date Created: 01-03-2026
Student Name: Kaitlyn Tindall
Student ID : M16817672

Current Program of Study

Career	Academic Program	Cumulative GPA	
Undergraduate	CEAS Baccalaureate MC	4.000	
Academic Plan	Pursuing	Declare Dt	Sub-Plan
Civil Engineering	BSCE	08/25/2025	

Enrollment History

Term	Career	Begin Date	End Date	Units	GPA	Status
Spring Semester 2026	UGRD	01/12/2026	04/30/2026	12.00	0.000	Full-Time
Fall Semester 2025	UGRD	08/25/2025	12/13/2025	16.00	4.000	Full-Time
Summer Semester 2025	UGRD	05/12/2025	08/09/2025	4.00	4.000	Part-Time
Spring Semester 2025	UGRD	01/13/2025	05/01/2025	7.00	4.000	Half-Time

This document serves as an official UC certification of UC degree(s) awarded and/or UC term(s) enrolled as of the 'Date created'. The student may change their enrollment thereafter.

This certification letter is not intended either to serve as, or to replace, the official University of Cincinnati transcript.

Please direct questions regarding this letter to registrar.info@uc.edu.



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Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0060

University Of Cincinnati Official Transcript

Name: **Kaitlyn Tindall**

Print Date: 01/01/2026
Campus ID: M16817672
Birthdate: 11/26/1998

Test Credits

Test Credits Applied Toward CEAS Baccalaureate MC

2025 Fall

Course	Description	Attempted	Earned	Grade	Points
ENGL 1001	ENGLISH COMP	3.000	3.000	TST	0.000
NPS 0000BLOCK	Non-Passing Score	0.000	0.000	TST	0.000
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NPS 0000BLOCK	Non-Passing Score	0.000	0.000	TST	0.000
PSYC 1001	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3.000	3.000	TST	0.000

Test Trans GPA: 0.000 Transfer Totals: 6.000 6.000 0.000

Beginning of Undergraduate Record

Spring Semester 2025

Program: UCBA Associate
Plan: Blue Ash College
Pre-Engineering Major
Transfer Credit from Sinclair Community College
Applied Toward UCBA Associate

Transfer Totals: Earned 8.000

Transfer Credit from The Ohio State University
Applied Toward UCBA Associate

Transfer Totals: Earned 128.000

Course	Description	Att Hrs	E Hrs	Grade	GPA Pts
ENED 1100	ENGINEERING DESIGN THINKING I	3.00	3.0	A	12.000
MATH 1061	CALCULUS I	4.00	4.0	A	16.000

	Att Hrs	E Hrs	P Hrs	GPA Hrs	GPA Pts	Term GPA	
Term Tot	7.0	7.0	0.0	7.0	28.000		4.000
Trans Tot	136.0	136.0	0.0	0.0	0.000		
Comb Tot	143.0	143.0	0.0	7.0	28.000		4.000

Term Honor: Dean's List

Summer Semester 2025

Program: CEAS Baccalaureate MC
Plan: College of Engineering and Applied Science
Mechanical Engineering Major

Course	Description	Att Hrs	E Hrs	Grade	GPA Pts	
MATH 1062	CALCULUS II	4.00	4.0	A	16.000	
Term Tot		4.0	4.0		16.000	Term GPA 4.000
Trans Tot		0.0	0.0		0.000	
Comb Tot		4.0	4.0		16.000	4.000

Fall Semester 2025

Program: CEAS Baccalaureate MC
Plan: College of Engineering and Applied Science
Civil Engineering Major

Course	Description	Att Hrs	E Hrs	Grade	GPA Pts
CM 1001	CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS I	3.00	3.0	A	12.000
CVE 1100	INTRO TO CIVIL ENGINEERING	1.00	1.0	P	0.000
CVE 2001C	CE MEASUREMENTS	3.00	3.0	A	12.000
GEOL 3074	GEOLOGY FOR ENGINEERS	3.00	3.0	A	12.000
PD 1011	INTRO TO COOP-CEAS	1.00	1.0	A	4.000
PHYS 2001	COLLEGE PHYSICS I	4.00	4.0	A	16.000
PHYS 2001L	COLLEGE PHYS LAB I	1.00	1.0	A	4.000

Molly McDermott-Fallon

Molly McDermott-Fallon, University Registrar

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	<u>Att Hrs</u>	<u>E Hrs</u>	<u>P Hrs</u>	<u>GPA Hrs</u>	<u>GPA Pts</u>		
Term Tot	16.0	16.0	1.0	15.0	60.000	Term GPA	4.000
Trans Tot	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.000		
Comb Tot	22.0	22.0	1.0	15.0	60.000		4.000

Term Honor: Dean's List

Undergraduate Career Totals

	<u>Att Hrs</u>	<u>E Hrs</u>	<u>P Hrs</u>	<u>GPA Hrs</u>	<u>GPA Pts</u>		
Cum Tot	27.0	27.0	1.0	26.0	104.000	Cum GPA	4.000
Trans Tot	142.0	142.0	0.0	0.0	0.000		
Comb Tot	169.0	169.0	1.0	26.0	104.000		4.000

End of University Of Cincinnati Official Transcript

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ACCREDITATION

The University of Cincinnati is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission as a public degree-granting institution at the associate's, bachelor's, master's, specialist, and doctoral levels. The Higher Learning Commission is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

VALIDATION

The paper version of this document is a computer-generated form, 11" x 8 1/2" in size, printed with black ink on burgundy colored paper. It is an official transcript only if marked with the Office of the Registrar Seal and white signature of the University Registrar.

EXPLANATION OF TRANSCRIPT ENTRIES

University of Cincinnati converted to a computerized records system in the Autumn Quarter, 1985-86. The University continues to convert historical records to the same computerized records system as time allows. Coursework completed prior to the Autumn Quarter, 1985-86, and which has not been transferred to the computerized file will be attached. Information pertaining to degrees awarded after conversion is embedded within the coursework.

PDF/ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS

Effective with Fall Semester 2016, University of Cincinnati initiated the offering of PDF/electronic transcripts.

CALENDAR

University of Cincinnati adopted a semester-calendar system, effective with Fall Semester 2012. For calendar system information prior to Fall Semester 2012, visit: <https://www.uc.edu/about/registrar/calendars/past-calendars.html>

ADDITIONAL TRANSCRIPT LEGEND INFORMATION

For course attributes, course level structure, academic fresh start (grades carrying an asterisk), grade replacement and additional grading information that informs the reading of this transcript, visit: <https://www.uc.edu/about/registrar/grades-and-transcripts/transcript-ordering/transcript-legend.html>

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Effective January 1999 to Present Grading System

Grade	Description	Quality Points
A	Excellent	4.0000
A-		3.6667
B+		3.3333
B	Good	3.0000
B-		2.6667
C+		2.3333
C	Satisfactory	2.0000
C-	Undergraduate Only	1.6667
D+	Undergraduate Only	1.3333
D	Undergraduate Only: Poor	1.0000
D-	Undergraduate Only	0.6667
F	Failure	0.0000
I	Incomplete	0.0000
I/F	Failure	0.0000
IP/F	Failure	0.0000
HP	Honors-Preceptor Nomination Graduate Only	N/A
X	Withdrawal Unofficial-No participation	0.0000
UW	Withdrawal Unofficial-Participation	0.0000
W	Withdrawal Official	None
P	Pass	None
U	Unsatisfactory: Zero credit hour courses only	None
T	Audit	None
IP	In Progress	None
SP	In Progress-Satisfactory Progress	N/A
UP	In Progress-Unsatisfactory Progress	N/A
NP	Undergraduate Only: Not Proficient	None
NG	No Grade Reported (See Instructor)	None

Letter grade followed by an asterisk (*) indicates Fresh Start Grades

The "NP" and "IP/F" were introduced effective Autumn Quarter 2003

The "X" and "WX" were introduced effective Autumn Quarter 2005. The "SP" and "UP" were introduced for graduate credit effective Winter Quarter 2007 and for undergraduate credit effective Spring Quarter 2007.