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WTS Capital Summit

The WTS Capital Summit, a signature program of [Transportation YOU](#), offers students (aka mentees) an opportunity to meet transportation industry thought leaders, government and administration officials, and college students beginning their own career journeys in the industry.

Historically, the Summit brings high school-aged mentees and transportation professional mentors to the Washington, D.C. area for a week long program of tours, lectures, and interactive experiences showcasing careers in transportation. Student participants are involved in Transportation YOU at a local level, and then apply to the Summit through [WTS Chapters](#).

The 2026 Summit will be held June 20-26, 2026.

The WTS Capital Summit provides participants with experience in engineering challenges, professional development and leadership skills development, networking events, local tours, and opportunities to learn about core transportation development components, such as accessibility, livable communities, and urban planning. Tours may include the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Capitol and U.S. Congress, local airports, highway research facilities, the Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro), live engineering projects, port operations, and other transportation hubs. The Summit also encourages student attendees to consider a wide variety of future undergraduate and advanced degree opportunities. STEM, engineering, and beyond.



Timeline and Applications

- Date: Saturday, June 20 - Thursday, June 26, 2026
- Location: [University of Maryland, College Park](#)
- **Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 25, 2026**
- Program Acceptance Notifications: April 17, 2026

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to Gaby Kolodzy, g-kolodzy@tti.tamu.edu or Arielle Kurkin, arielle.kurkin@fhueng.com.

[Submit Your Application Here](#)
 [\(https://forms.gle/rqEgs83FBdaTi5d28\)](https://forms.gle/rqEgs83FBdaTi5d28)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Do parents have to attend the Summit with their children?

No - WTS Colorado only covers the cost of the student to attend. An adult mentor from the WTS Colorado chapter will travel along with these students. However, if a parent wants to travel to Washington D.C on their own they may, but please be aware that **students are required to attend all Capital Summit affiliated events, stay on the University of Maryland Campus, and some events may be in the evenings.**

Do I need to pay for my travel to Capital Summit? How much out-of-pocket costs can I expect?

WTS Colorado will cover your student's registration, flight, lodging, and meals from June 20-26, 2026. Any additional purchases like snacks or souvenirs, are at the expense of the traveler. Visiting D.C. is a great experience, and occasionally students do like having some fun money to buy gifts or museum tickets.

What do lodging accommodations look like?

The [University of Maryland, College Park](#) hosts students on campus in college dorm rooms. Dorm rooms are 2 students per room, and students each have their own bed. Dorms only have WTS Capital Summit participants during the June event and dorms are equipped with safety doors and alarms.

My child has dietary restrictions. Can these be accommodated?

Yes - students will be required to complete health forms, dietary restriction forms, Code of Conduct acknowledgment, photography release, parental permission and waiver with signature, travel details, and University of Maryland campus waivers.

Who can qualify for the Capital Summit?

Student Mentee Applicants must have completed 9th grade by the 2026 Summit start date. Recent graduates may qualify, but that is up to the discretion of each WTS Chapter.