

WTS Foundation Scholarship Program



September 8, 2014

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Founded in 1977, the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) was created through the efforts of 40 women involved in transportation in the Washington, D.C. area who recognized that a mechanism was needed to enhance professional and personal advancement and to develop industry and government recognition of the increasing involvement of women in the field of transportation. WTS is now an international organization of more than 4,000 transportation professionals – both women and men – with 45 chapters representing cities and states in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain.

WTS's vision is *"Transforming the transportation industry through the advancement of women."* To facilitate that goal, the next generation of leaders must be fostered and supported in their pursuits. Our Scholarship Program is one way that we demonstrate this support.

The WTS Hampton Roads Chapter, on behalf of the WTS Foundation, is pleased to present the 2014 – 2015 WTS Scholarship application information. The scholarship program has six available scholarships this year:

- Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship (graduate students only)
- Beverley Swaim Staley Leadership Legacy Scholarship (graduate students only)
- Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship (undergraduates only)
- Molitoris Leadership Scholarship (undergraduates only)
- Transportation YOU High School Scholarship (high school seniors only)
- WTS Junior College Scholarship (certificate or associate's degree candidates only)

In addition to the available WTS International Scholarships, the WTS Hampton Roads Chapter will be reviewing all scholarship applications to also award local chapter scholarships generally in amounts between \$500 and \$1,000. The number and amount of local chapter scholarship awards will be based annual on available scholarship funds and quality of applications. Please return the appropriate completed application (for each of the scholarship programs listed above) and all required documentation no later than **November 3, 2014** to:

WTS Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship Chair
Ann-Germaine Danz
14 Elm Ave.
Newport News, VA 23601

If you have any questions concerning the application materials, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 757-777-7848 or ann@vrmca.com. I look forward to receiving your application!

Respectfully,

Ann-Germaine Danz

Scholarship Chair

WTS Hampton Roads Chapter

Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship

The Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship was established in 1981 by WTS International to encourage women to pursue career paths in transportation. The scholarship is awarded to women pursuing graduate studies in transportation or a related field.

In memory of Helene M. Overly, the first Executive Secretary of WTS, the Board of Directors voted to name the annual WTS graduate scholarship the Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship to honor Helene for her dedicated service to WTS. Helene became a WTS member in 1981. She brought with her 15 years of experience in public service, tremendous organizational abilities, and a spirit of determination that helped WTS nearly double its membership in two years.

The Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship is \$10,000. 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 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 **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 21, 2015, 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:

Ann-Germaine Danz

WTS Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship Chair

14 Elm Ave.

Newport News, VA 23601

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Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

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E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

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

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

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:

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.)

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.)

IV. Recommendation: Letter 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 the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant's leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words or two pages. 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.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

WTS Beverley Swaim Staley Leadership Legacy Scholarship

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, WTS provides \$5,000 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 2014-2016 WTS International Chair, Beverley Swaim Staley. As Chair of the WTS International Board of Directors, Beverley Swaim Staley's involvement in WTS began 14 years ago in Baltimore where she was a very active member, supporting WTS and the advancement of women through her role as Maryland's Secretary of Transportation for many years. She was nominated to become Vice Chair of the 2012-2014 WTS International Board of Directors, and now serves as Chair.

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. National awards will be presented on May 21, 2015, 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:

Ann-Germaine Danz

WTS Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship Chair

14 Elm Ave.

Newport News, VA 23601

Applications must be returned to your local chapter no later than November 3, 2014.

Beverley Swaim Leadership Legacy Scholarship for
Graduates Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

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E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

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

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

III. 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.)

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 _____

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 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, Sharon led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public-transit work force. 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 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 **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 21, 2015, 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:

Ann-Germaine Danz

WTS Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship Chair

14 Elm Ave.

Newport News, VA 23601

Applications must be returned to your local chapter no later than November 3, 2014.



Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

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E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

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

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

IV. 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:

IV. Recommendation: Letter 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 the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant’s leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words or two pages. 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.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Molitoris Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates

Part of the WTS goal of fostering the development of women in the transportation field can be realized by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. The Molitoris Leadership Scholarship is awarded to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field who demonstrate leadership skills, ability, and interest.

The purpose of the Molitoris Leadership Scholarship is to motivate and reward women who demonstrate leadership in the transportation industry. The leadership, skills, and perspectives of women are essential to assure that the transportation systems of the future respond to the needs of all. Leadership does not just happen. Leaders personally invest and risk much. They must take on struggles that many would avoid and persevere to reach successful outcomes. These qualities should receive special attention in the selection of the award winner.

The Molitoris Leadership 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.
- d. Applicants for the Molitoris Leadership Scholarship must specifically address the issue of leadership on their personal statement.

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 21, 2015, 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:

Ann-Germaine Danz

WTS Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship Chair

14 Elm Ave.

Newport News, VA 23601

Applications must be returned to your local chapter no later than November 3, 2014.

Molitoris Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

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First

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E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

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

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

V. 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.)

IV. Recommendation: Letter 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 the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant’s leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words or two pages. 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.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women and girls in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals and students to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the Transportation YOU High School Scholarship to girls pursuing high school studies in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers young girls ages 13-18 an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. Through the Transportation YOU program and this scholarship, WTS chapters work to make a difference in the lives of young girls by offering opportunities 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.

The WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship is \$1,000. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. Applicant must be a high school senior.
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- c. Currently studying math, science, and technology.
- d. Considering a career in a transportation-related field

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. National awards will be presented on May 21, 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:

Ann-Germaine Danz

WTS Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship Chair

14 Elm Ave.

Newport News, VA 23601

Applications must be returned to your local chapter no later than November 3, 2014.

Transportation YOU High School Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

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E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

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

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

VI. Educational Background

Current High School _____ **City, State** _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____

Area of Concentration _____

Grade Point Average _____

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

WTS Junior College 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 community, technical, or trade college scholarships to women pursuing transportation- related study at community and trade colleges.

This scholarship is intended for students pursuing an associate or technical degree in transportation-related studies.

The WTS Junior College Scholarship is \$1,000. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher
- b. Currently enrolled in a degree program in a transportation-related field.

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. National awards will be presented on May 21, 2015, 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.

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WTS Junior College Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

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E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

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

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

VII. 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:

IV. Recommendation: Letter 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 the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant's leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words or two pages. 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.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____