



Advancing Women in Transportation
Orange County Chapter

Orange County Graduate Scholarship

The Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is a national organization of transportation professionals with more than 5,000 members who are committed to excellence in the transportation industry. The organization provides a neutral forum for the exchange of information, ideas and experiences; encourages the professional development of its members; and promotes industry recognition of women in the field of transportation.

The WTS Graduate Scholarship was established to encourage women to pursue career paths in transportation. The scholarships are awarded to women pursuing graduate studies in transportation or a related field.

WTS Orange County will award multiple graduate scholarships in the amount of at least \$3,000. The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- ✧ Open to women only
- ✧ GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ✧ Currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, finance or logistics
- ✧ Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field

The top winners of the WTS Orange County graduate scholarships go on to compete nationally for the President's Legacy Scholarship (in the amount of \$3,000) or the Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship (in the amount of \$6,000).

Note: Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters. The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills and academic record. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Scholarship applications are available for download at www.wtsinternational.org, under 'Chapters', 'Orange County'.

Please return the completed application to:

Megan Taylor c/o WTS Orange County
PO Box 10177; Santa Ana, CA 92711-0177
wtsocscholarship@gmail.com

Applications must be returned no later than October 19, 2009.



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The top winners of the WTS Orange County scholarships will go on to compete nationally for the following graduate scholarships:

Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship

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 in the amount of \$6,000.

President's Legacy Scholarship

In 2007, WTS launched the **President's Legacy Scholarship**. Through this award, WTS provides a scholarship to an outstanding young woman pursuing graduate studies towards a career in transportation or a related field, and who demonstrates a specific interest in advancing transportation innovation in the international arena. This "rotating" scholarship takes the name of the current WTS International President Elaine Dezenski who is serving from 2008 through 2010.

The President's Legacy Scholarship is in the amount of \$3,000.



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I. Personal Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Address _____
Street

City State Zip Telephone ()

E-mail address _____

Permanent Address _____
Street

City State Zip Telephone ()

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:



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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.)

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.)

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. Please discuss your specific plans to advance women in transportation in Orange County or California. Statement should not exceed 1,000 words or two pages. Please attach to application form.

VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

Signature _____ Date _____