



WTS Foundation Helene M. Overly/ WTS Boston Ann Hershfang Memorial Scholarship

The WTS 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.

In 1998, WTS-Boston named its graduate scholarship in honor of Ann Hershfang, who was WTS-Boston President from 1985 to 1987. Ann served on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Port Authority and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, as well as serving as Undersecretary for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Ann was a co-founder of Walk-Boston and is still a leader in the effort to improve pedestrian safety and walking conditions.

The WTS-Boston Ann Hershfang Memorial Scholarship is \$4,000. The recipient is then forwarded to the WTS Foundation for consideration for the WTS Foundation **Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship which 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.
- d. Applicant can only win this particular scholarship once.
- e. If a person applies for more than one scholarship in the same year, that applicant can only be awarded one of the scholarships – the applicant will be awarded the scholarship that best suits them and the runner-up will be awarded the other.

Applications must be submitted through WTS-Boston 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 during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2021, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection.

Please return your completed application to:

Erica Blonde, WTS-Boston Scholarships & Awards Committee Co-Chair, at:
WTSBostonawards@gmail.com. **All complete scholarship applications are due by Wednesday, December 23rd, 2020.**

