



## **WTS-Boston Mary Jane O’Meara Member Graduate Scholarship**

The Women's Transportation Seminar Boston Chapter (WTS-Boston) Mary Jane O’Meara Member Graduate Scholarship was established in 2016 by the Boston Chapter of WTS to encourage women to pursue higher education within the field of transportation while being both an active member of WTS-Boston and a full time employee. The scholarship was renamed the Mary Jane O’Meara Member Graduate Scholarship in 2020 after her husband set up a scholarship fund for WTS in Mary Jane’s name in honor of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, recognizing her passion for WTS as well as advocating for and mentoring others. The scholarship is being awarded to an employed WTS-Boston Member pursuing a graduate degree focusing in transportation or a related field.

Mary Jane O’Meara is a past WTS-Boston and WTS-International President who currently serves as the Vice President HNTB Boston Office and National Tolling Group. Her more than 40 years of experience includes two decades working for the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), serving as operations manager and director of the Tobin Memorial Bridge. She is also a past president of the International Bridge, Tunnel, Turnpike Association (IBTTA).

The recipient of this award will be someone who is intends to strengthen her career by earning a degree in higher education while making transportation her career and is an **active** WTS-Boston Member.

The **WTS Mary Jane O’Meara Member Scholarship is in the amount of \$4,000.**

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- A. Woman currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, marketing, administration, finance or logistics/operations.
- B. Currently a full-time employee in transportation-related field.
- C. Current WTS Member who actively participates in WTS.
- 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.

The scholarship is competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills and academic record. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Candidates may also be asked to participate in a phone or personal interview. The WTS-Boston Mary Jane O’Meara Member Graduate Scholarship will be presented in June 2021 at the local Awards and Scholarships dinner.

Please return your completed application to:

Erica Blonde, WTS-Boston Scholarships & Awards Committee Co-Chair, at: [WTSBostonawards@gmail.com](mailto:WTSBostonawards@gmail.com).

**All complete scholarship applications are due by Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**



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## WTS Member Graduate Scholarship Application

### I. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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### II. Educational Background

**Current College/University**

### III. Employment History

**IV. Recommendation:** Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application. "Generic" recommendations are discouraged.

**V. Personal Statement:** A statement about your career goals after graduation and why you think you should receive the scholarship award. "Generic" personal statements are discouraged. Statement should not exceed 750 words or three pages, and should include a description of your research/thesis project. Please attach to application form.

**VI. Involvement in WTS –** How long have you been a member? What types of activities have you been involved in during your membership timeframe? Statement should not exceed 400 words. Please attach to application form.

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

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_