



WTS Helene M. Overly/Esther Kmetty 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 WTS Metropolitan Phoenix chapter includes the memory of beloved local member Esther Kmetty in its award. 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. The Metropolitan Phoenix chapter added the name Esther Kmetty to the scholarship to honor a local leader in the transportation field and strong advocate for WTS, especially its mentorship efforts.

The WTS Metropolitan Phoenix Chapter awards **\$3,000** to the winner of the Overly/Kmetty Scholarship. The scholarship application is then forwarded to the WTS International Foundation to compete for the International award, an additional **\$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 WTS Metropolitan Phoenix as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Local scholarship winners are strongly encouraged to attend the local awards ceremony, April 1, 2023. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in Atlanta in May 2023, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Awards banquet seats and conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Travel expenses are not included.

Submit the completed application no later than **Friday, December 2, 2022**. Submit applications to caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov. Applications must include the subject line "**Overly Kmetty Application – Last Name**".

Please direct any questions to Scholarship Director Caitlin Brady: caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov or 602-506-0788.

WTS Helene M. Overly/Esther Kmetty Memorial Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

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: 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. Statement should not exceed 500 words. 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.

VII. Demographic Information: WTS is committed to recognizing the achievements of students pursuing transportation related degrees. To track our progress in reaching diverse applicants, we ask that you complete this confidential demographic information. **This is not required for scholarship awards. Information will not be tied to your scholarship application.**

Please follow the link here to complete a survey of demographic information. This survey will not be linked to your application. Note that you only need to complete the survey once, even if you are applying for multiple scholarships.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGTS2D8>

- I have completed the survey online
- I decline to provide this information

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Application Check List

Have you...

- Ensured that you meet all the minimum requirements
- Included the following application materials
 - Completed application form (with additional sheets as needed)
 - Transcript
 - 2 Letters of Recommendation
 - Personal Statement specific to this scholarship
 - Proof of Enrollment
- Had your application materials proofread
- Completed the anonymous demographics survey to help us ensure we are reaching a diverse audience of potential applicants
- Sent all your application materials to caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov with the subject line "Overly Kmetty Application – Last Name"