



Cathy Strombom Memorial Scholarship

The Cathy Strombom Memorial Scholarship was established in spring 2019 by the Puget Sound Chapter of WTS to motivate women to pursue career paths related to transportation planning and policy.

Cathy Strombom was one of the women leaders who founded the WTS Puget Sound Chapter in 1982; its mission to advance women in transportation kept it close to her heart throughout her career. In 1989 Cathy was awarded the WTS Puget Sound Woman of the Year for Achievement in Transportation and in 2010 she was awarded Member of the Year. During Cathy's 34 year career at WSP she founded and grew the Seattle Transportation Planning Group, making it into the company's largest planning group outside of the corporate headquarters. Cathy and her team provided leadership on many of the transportation projects that have shaped the Puget Sound Region, including the Downtown Transit Tunnel, the SR 520 Bridge Replacement, the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement, and all of Sound Transit's long range and system plans.

The Cathy Strombom Memorial Scholarship is not determined solely on test scores or grades but rather passion for the field of transportation, work ethic, and determination. It is an award acknowledging the student's potential to take a leadership role in meeting our transportation planning needs for future generations.

The Scholarship is in the amount of **\$5,000**. The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- a. A woman currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in a transportation planning-related field, including policy, public administration, finance, or logistics located in the Pacific Northwest.
- b. A woman who plans to pursue a career in a transportation planning-related field.
- c. One letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application.
- d. 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 document.

The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals and transportation-related activities or job skills. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Local awards will be presented at the Puget Sound Chapter Awards Gala on March 14, 2023 at the Westin Hotel in Seattle. Attendance at the awards dinner is strongly encouraged.

Electronic submittals only. Please scan in and submit all application materials including official transcripts in one combined PDF file, via email to wtspugetsound.scholarships@gmail.com.

Completed applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. January 2, 2023. WTS is not responsible for the completeness of the application if materials are submitted separately.