



WTS Helene M. Overly 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.

The **WTS Northeast Florida Chapter** is accepting applications for the **Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship** through **January 6, 2023**. Graduate students seeking a master's degree from a college or university in Northeast Florida or who have a permanent residence in Northeast Florida are encouraged to apply.

The recipient of the **WTS Northeast Florida Chapter Helene M. Overly Scholarship** will receive up to **\$1,000** scholarship and a complimentary WTS Northeast Florida Chapter student membership. The recipient is encouraged to make the most of the Chapter membership by participating in our monthly inspiring programs and behind the scenes tours designed to educate our members on various transportation related topics.

One local recipient's winning application will also be sent to WTS Foundation for consideration of the National scholarship in the amount of **\$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.

**Students must either have a permanent residence or attend school within Northeast Florida, which is considered Baker County, Clay County, Columbia County, Duval County, Flagler County, Nassau County, and St. Johns County.*

Applications must be submitted to the **WTS Northeast Florida Chapter** as typed **Word or PDF 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 2023, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements.

The WTS Northeast Florida Chapter will also recognize each winner, details will be provided when available.

To apply, applicants must complete the following steps:

1. Email completed application and supporting documents to northeastfloridawts@gmail.com and cheryl@go321strategies.com
2. Please have official transcript mailed to the following address:

Cheryl Freeman
Scholarship Chair
WTS Northeast Florida
PO Box 41201
Jacksonville, FL 32203-1201

Please direct any questions to Cheryl Freeman, WTS Northeast Florida Chapter Scholarship Chair, at 904-608-8751 or cheryl@go321strategies.com. Additional information about WTS and the scholarship program can be found on the WTS International website wtsinternational.org.

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST:

- Completed Scholarship Application, including signature page (Parts I – III) Email
- Official College Transcript (Part II) Mail
- Letters of Recommendation (Part IV) Email
- Personal Statement (Part V) Email
- Proof of Enrollment (Part VI) Email

Applications must be returned to your local WTS Northeast Florida Chapter no later than **January 6, 2023, by 2:00 PM EST.**

WTS Helene M. Overly 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 in which you have participated. 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 and will not be used in the selection process.**

1. Race/Ethnicity (select all that apply)

- Asian
- Black
- East Indian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Indigenous
- Middle Eastern
- Multiracial
- Pacific Islander
- White
- Other (Please write in)_____
- Choose Not to Disclose

2. Age

- 15-18
- 19-23
- 24-30
- 31-50
- 50 +

3. Anticipated or Current Mode of Transportation Career Focus (select all that apply)

- Aviation
- Freight
- Highway/Auto
- Maritime/Port
- Multi-Modal
- Non-Motorized
- Passenger
- Transit
- Other (Please write in)

4. How did you hear about this scholarship?

- Friend
- School/Teacher
- Social Media:
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - LinkedIn
 - Snapchat
 - TikTok
 - Twitter
 - YouTube
 - Other (Please write in)_____
- WTS Chapter
- WTS International Website
- Other (Please write in)_____

Applicant Signature_____Date_____