



## 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 **\$4,000** 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, March 30, 2024. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in New Orleans in May 2024, 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, October 13, 2023**. Submit applications to [caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov](mailto:caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov). Applications must include the subject line "**Overly KmettyApplication –Last Name**".

Please direct any questions to Scholarship Director Caitlin Brady: [caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov](mailto: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):

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

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## 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:

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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.)

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# 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](mailto:caitlin.brady@maricopa.gov) with the subject line "Overly Kmetty Application – Last Name"