

2023-24 WTS Boston Ann Hershfang Graduate Scholarship/ 2023-24 WTS Foundation 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 WTS International 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.

In 1998, WTS-Boston named its graduate scholarship in honor of Ann Hershfang, who was WTS-Boston President from 1985-1987. Ann served on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Port Authority, as well as Undersecretary for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Ann is a co-founder of Walk-Boston and is a leader in the effort to improve pedestrian safety and walking conditions.

The WTS-Boston Ann Hershfang Graduate Scholarship is in the amount of \$4,000. The winning recipient is then forwarded to the WTS Foundation for consideration for the WTS Foundation **Helene M. Overly Memorial 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.
- d. Open to women

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted through the WTS-Boston Chapter as one (1) combined PDF package. Scholarships are competitive

and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. The Ann Hershfang Graduate Scholarship will be presented in June 2024 at the WTS-Boston Awards & Scholarships Banquet. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2024, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. The WTS-Boston Chapter will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Please contact the WTS-Boston chapter at the address listed on the application for specifics.

Please return your completed application to:

Grace Lin and Ali Kleyman, WTS-Boston Scholarship & Award Committee Co-Chairs at WTSBostonawards@gmail.com. **All complete scholarship applications are due by Friday, December 1st, 2023, 5 pm.**

2023-24 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 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 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 _____