

## **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 Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship is \$1,500 for our local Northeast Ohio chapter and \$10,000 at the national level. The application of the selected winner of the local chapter scholarship will be forwarded to the WTS Foundation for consideration for the national scholarship. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. Must be female
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- c. Must be a resident of Ohio OR be currently enrolled in an Ohio college or university
- d. Currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as civil/structural/transportation engineering, construction management, aviation, planning, finance, public policy, or logistics.
- e. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Scholarships are competitive and awarded based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who have not been previously selected for a WTS Northeast Ohio scholarship. Students are welcome and encouraged to apply for scholarships from other Ohio chapters of WTS (Columbus and Southwest Ohio). Chapters may coordinate their selections in order to distribute the awards.

Presentation of the local scholarship will take place at a local chapter event in the Spring of 2024; the winner's attendance is requested. We also request your participation on the scholarship committee in the Fall of 2024. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference on May 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in New Orleans, LA and attendance of the national winner is strongly recommended.

Applications and all required attachments can be submitted via mail or email to:

Jacob Wroten – Scholarship Chair  
c/o HDR Engineering  
600 Superior Ave East, Suite 1700  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114  
E-mail: [jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com](mailto:jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com)

***Applications and all required attachments must be received  
no later than December 1, 2023.***

Any questions on the application process should be e-mailed to [jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com](mailto:jacob.wroten@hdrinc.com).

# WTS Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship Application

## I. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

School E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent 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 a 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.)

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## 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)



**Optional 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) \_\_\_\_\_