

Leadership Recognition Award 2025

AWARD SUMMARY

The WTS Northeast Ohio Chapter is accepting nominations for the Leadership Award.

The Leadership Award was established for our chapter to recognize and honor an individual who has exhibited outstanding leadership in the transportation community by promoting the advancement of women in transportation and exhibiting outstanding leadership qualities. This chapter award will be given annually to an individual, either male or female who demonstrates exceptional leadership through activities such as:

- » Being an established professional with proven qualities of an exceptional leader and contributing to the transportation community for more than 15 years
- » Expanding opportunities for women in the transportation industry through professional development, mentoring and strategic positioning of women
- » Living as a role model for females and minorities exploring the transportation industry
- » Advocating on behalf of others
- » Supporting the goals of the organization
- » Leadership in service to WTS and to the profession
- » Showing outstanding promise for continued service and leadership to women

The 2025 awards will be presented at the Corporate Sponsor/Public Partner Appreciation Breakfast, tentatively scheduled for fall 2025.

The winner of this chapter award will be nominated for WTS International's "Woman of the Year Award" if the winner identifies as female, or the "Honorable Ray LaHood Award" if the winner identifies as male. Presentation of the International Award will be at the WTS Annual Conference, in 2026.

AWARD CRITERIA AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Nominations shall be made on the attached form. The qualifications for selection shall include:

- » A WTS Northeast Ohio Member in good standing
- » Summary of why the nominee deserves to win.
- » Description of how the nominee is a leader in transportation and has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry. WTS' core leadership values should be discussed.
- » Description of how the nominee has directly contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities through programs or opportunities in the transportation field.
- » Description of the nominee's career advancements and support of women in the industry that have advanced the reputation and credibility of women in transportation.

Nominations are due to jchio@structurepoint.com no later than Monday, June 30, 2025.

THE MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION

WTS attracts, sustains, connects and advances women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry. To fulfill this mission, WTS operates under a specific vision with core values, goals, and guiding principles behind all of its activities and programs.

Vision: Equity and access for women in transportation.

Core Leadership Values:

- » **LOYALTY:** Leadership and staff exhibit trust, honesty, and loyalty as they work toward fulfilling the WTS mission.
- » **COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT:** Communication, engagement, diversity, and creativity create the optimal collaborative environment in which to successfully complete organization initiatives.
- » **EXCELLENCE:** On the path to mission fulfillment, WTS leaders and staff operate as member- and mission-centric professionals with integrity and accountability.
- » **RESPECT:** WTS leaders and staff hold respect in the highest regard for members, volunteers, partners, the Board, and members of their work teams.
- » **PASSION:** It is the passion of WTS leaders and staff for the WTS vision, mission, women's issues, and the roles WTS International's leaders and staff fill that serves to unify our teams and move us forward.

Goals:

- » Achieve organizational excellence and capacity to execute mission.
- » Create exceptional experience for members through strong involved chapters as part of a global WTS.
- » Expand opportunities for women in the transportation industry through professional development, mentoring, and strategic positioning of women.
- » Provide leadership in the global transportation community.

Guiding Principles:

- » WTS is an international organization dedicated to building the future of transportation through the global advancement of women.
- » Advancing women in transportation is key to building the transportation industry.
- » A strong international organization enables members, chapters and communities within WTS to achieve our shared vision.
- » WTS can shape future generations of transportation leaders.
- » WTS is committed to ethical leadership, integrity and respect for all.
- » The WTS spirit of community, inclusiveness, and mutual support is one of our greatest assets.

Nominee Information:

Nominee Name	
Title	
WTS NE Ohio Member?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Year Joined WTS	
Role(s) with WTS	
Company/Agency Name	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	

Nominator:

Name	
Title	
Company/Agency Name	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	

If the nominee identifies as a female:

- Please discuss the nominee's contribution to the Northeast Ohio Chapter of WTS.** (max 300 words)
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- Summarize why the nominee deserves to win.** (max 300 words)
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- Describe how the nominee is a leader in transportation and has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry. WTS' core leadership values should be discussed.** (max 250 words)
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4. **Describe how the nominee has directly contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities through programs or opportunities in the transportation field.** (max 250 words)

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5. **Describe the nominee's career advancements and support of women in the industry that have advanced the reputation and credibility of women in transportation.** (max 250 words)

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If the nominee identifies as a male:

1. **Please discuss the nominee's contribution to the Northeast Ohio Chapter of WTS.** (max 300 words)

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2. **Summarize why the nominee deserves to win.** (max 300 words)

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3. **Describe a man who has led by example, seeking out opportunities to advance and advocate for women in his own organization, and who has actively ensured that women are able to compete for key positions of authority within that organization.** (max 250 words)

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4. **Describe a man who has directly contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities through programs or opportunities in the transportation field.** (max 250 words)

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5. **Describe how the nominee has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry.** (max 250 words)

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