

2025 WTS Philadelphia Award Nominations



**WTS Philadelphia is seeking completed nomination packages for the 2025 Awards.
Nominations must be received by Monday, July 28th, 2025, at 5 PM EST.**

There are eight (8) awards categories, summarized below. WTS Philadelphia is committed to the inclusion of differences and similarities related to ethnicity, age, and gender identity. Please refer to the forms for the specific criteria that must be addressed in your nomination.

Philadelphia Award: Honors an individual, group, or organization for extraordinary efforts to promote the transportation industry and people within the Philadelphia area.

Woman of the Year:** Honors an individual who identifies as a woman who is an outstanding role model and has contributed to the advancement of women and minorities in transportation.

Member of the Year:** Recognizes a WTS Philadelphia chapter member who has made extraordinary contributions to the success of the organization.

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award:** Honors an individual(s) or organization(s) that has made significant contributions in promoting diversity and cultural awareness within their organization, the transportation industry, or in a project or activity that supports the goals and mission of WTS.

Employer of the Year:** Honors a company, non-profit, association, or government agency for recruiting, retaining, and advancing women and minorities.

Innovative Transportation Solution Award:** Salutes an innovative transportation project led by a woman that improves the quality of life for its users and the community.

Secretary Ray LaHood Award:** Honors an individual who identifies as a man who is a leader in transportation and has contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities in the industry.

Changemaker in Motion Award: Honors a young transportation professional (must be 40 years of age or under prior to December 31, 2025) who is a leader in transportation and has contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities in the industry.

*** The winning recipients for these WTS chapter awards will be submitted to WTS International for the International Awards presented at the Annual Conference.*

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Nominator must be a **CURRENT** WTS Philadelphia Chapter member. Membership will be confirmed once nomination is received, and nomination will be disqualified from non-members.
2. A previous year's winner (person, employer, or project) cannot be nominated for the same award again. However, they can be nominated for a different award. Click [here](#) for a list of all previous award winners.
3. Persons/projects may only be nominated for one (1) award. Please ensure that your nomination is best suited for the criteria outlined for the award category.
4. **Use the attached nomination forms and directions to submit the nominations.** Provide responses to each criteria question, answered separately below each question. You should not skip and/or combine responses. Submissions should be typed using the attached form and submitted in PDF format. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered for nomination.
5. E-mail your nominations by **Monday, July 28th, 2025, at 5 PM EST** to the WTS Philadelphia Awards Committee at: Awards@WTSPhiladelphia.org.

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Philadelphia Award



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Email to: Awards@WTSPhiladelphia.org

Award recipients must be able to attend the Annual Awards Gala in early December.

Provide the following contact information for the nominator and nominee for award notification correspondence:

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Title: _____
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Address: _____
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Email: _____

NOMINEE (INDIVIDUAL):

Name: _____
Title: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

OR

NOMINEE (ORGANIZATION):

Group/Organization: _____
Contact Name: _____
Title: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

Indicate how the nominee meets the following criteria for this award. (All criteria questions must be answered separately. You should not skip and/or combine responses.)

- ☐ Provide an introduction of the nominee's background and experience. (Max 200 words)
- ☐ Summarize why the nominee deserves to win this award. (Max 300 words)
- ☐ Provide why the nominee is hard-working and dedicated to the promotion of the transportation industry and the people within the Philadelphia area. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Provide why the nominee exemplifies the industry on a professional and personal level. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Provide how the nominee acts as a mentor to help others pursue careers in transportation. (Max 250 words)

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Woman of the Year



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- ☐ Summarize why the nominee deserves to win this award (Max 300 words)
- ☐ Describe how the nominee is a leader in transportation and has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry (Max 250 words)
- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Describe the nominee's career advancements and support of women in the industry that have advanced the reputation and credibility of women and minorities in transportation (Max 250 words)

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Member of the Year



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Indicate how the nominee meets the following criteria for this award. (All criteria questions must be answered separately. You should not skip and/or combine responses.)

- ☐ Provide an introduction of the nominee's background and experience (Max 200 words)
- ☐ Summarize why the nominee deserves to win this award (Max 300 words)
- ☐ Describe how the nominee has shown commitment to the goals and growth of WTS. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Describe how the nominee has promoted the reputation of WTS within the transportation industry. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Describe how the nominee has revitalized or expanded the Philadelphia Chapter or any of its functions. (Max 250 words)

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Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award



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- ☐ Provide an introduction of the nominee's background and experience (Max 200 words)
- ☐ Describe how the nominee contributed significantly to promoting diversity, inclusion and multi-cultural awareness within their organization, the transportation industry, or in a project or activity that supports the goals and mission of WTS. (Max 300 words)
- ☐ Describe how the nominee exhibited extraordinary efforts or initiatives in facilitating professional opportunities for women and minorities. (Max 300 words)

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Employer of the Year Award



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- ☐ Summarize why the nominee deserves to win this award (Max 300 words)
- ☐ Describe and provide example(s) of how the organization supports WTS through memberships, sponsorships, and employee involvement at the local and international levels. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Describe the organization's structure, including the number of women in executive and senior positions and those leading major initiatives. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Describe the career development plans and succession programs in place for women and minorities to advance within the organization. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Describe and provide example(s) of how the organization provides continuing education of its female and gender-minority employees through professional education, professional organizations, and professional development opportunities. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Describe and provide example(s) of how the organization encourages female and gender-minority students to enter the transportation field by providing internship opportunities. (Max 100 words)

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Innovative Transportation Solution Award



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- ☐ Provide an introduction of the project background (Max 200 words)
- ☐ Summarize why the project deserves to win this award (Max 300 words)
- ☐ Describe the purpose of the transportation initiative, solution, project or policy and the number of women involved from initiation to completion. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Identify the key elements of the project, and how female/gender-minority leadership has successfully implemented those elements. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Illustrate how female/gender-minority leadership has successfully met and overcame challenges. (Max 250 words)
- ☐ Explain how the project achieved its purpose. (Max 250 words)

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Secretary Ray LaHood Award



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