



Memorial Graduate or Undergraduate Scholarship **WTS Southwest Idaho Chapter**

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the WTS Memorial Scholarship to women pursuing graduate or undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field.

The Undergraduate Scholarship honors Sharon D. Banks, Chief Executive Officer of AC Transit in Alameda-Contra Costa County, California. As its CEO throughout most of the 1990's, Banks led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public transit workforce. She was a member of the WTS Advisory Board and received the WTS San Francisco Chapter Woman of the Year and Employer of the Year awards.

The Graduate Scholarship honors 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 SW Idaho Chapter will award one **\$3,000** for the Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship or the Helene M. Overly Memorial Graduate Scholarship. The winner of the WTS SW Idaho Chapter scholarship will advance to the national scholarship competition to represent the WTS SW Idaho Chapter with the opportunity to receive an additional **\$5,000** for undergraduate students or **\$10,000** for graduate students. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or 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 to the WTS SW Idaho Chapter as one **PDF** document. The scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record and transportation-related activities or job skills. WTS SW Idaho Chapter scholarship recipients will be honored at our annual WTS Gala. Recipient's attendance at this reception is strongly encouraged as an opportunity to meet transportation leaders and professionals in Southwest Idaho. If you have additional questions, email: wtsidahoscholarship@gmail.com.

Please return the completed application via email to: wtsidahoscholarship@gmail.com.

Please include all required forms, letters, transcripts, etc. in one package.
Applications must be postmarked no later than November 28, 2025.

**WTS SW Idaho Chapter
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.)

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.)

IV. Recommendation: Letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application.

V. Personal Statement: A statement about your career goals and/or continuing education after graduation and why you think that you should receive the scholarship award. Applicants must address the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant's leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach to application form.

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: _____