

## **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 WTS graduate scholarship, the Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship, to honor her dedicated service to WTS. Helene became a WTS member in 1981, bringing with her 15 years of experience in public service, tremendous organizational abilities, and a determined spirit. Her contributions helped WTS nearly double its membership in two years.

The Northeast Ohio Chapter of WTS is accepting applications for the \$2,000 Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship. The application of the selected winner will be forwarded for consideration of a \$10,000 national-level 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 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). WTS 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 2026; the winner's attendance is requested. We also request your participation in the scholarship review committee in the Fall of 2026. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference on May 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in Los Angeles, CA 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 7, 2025.***

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)

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**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 are uniquely deserving of this scholarship award. Statement should not exceed 500 words.

**VI. Proof of Enrollment:** Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card. Please also include a copy of your transcript or have them sent directly from your college or university. Unofficial transcripts will be initially accepted but the selected recipient will be required to submit an official transcript.

**VII. Email Submission:** For an electronic submission, please submit a single document containing the requested information in PDF file format.

Applicant Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

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