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WTS NJ Leadership Scholarship for Graduates (2026)

(Bridgette Beato Leadership Scholarship for Graduates)

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding young student pursuing graduate studies working towards a career in transportation or a related field, and who demonstrates a specific interest in advancing transportation innovation.

The WTS New Jersey (WTS NJ) College Outreach Committee encourages students to further their careers as leaders in transportation. WTS NJ recognizes that transportation is more than simply moving people and goods from one place to another. It is a driver of growth and an integral part of communities throughout the world. The leadership, skills, and perspectives of great professionals are essential to ensure that the transportation systems of the future respond to the needs of all. The Leadership Legacy Scholarship currently takes the name of the 2024-2026 WTS International Chair, Bridgette Beato.

The WTS NJ Leadership Scholarship for Graduates is **\$4,000**. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher
- b. In the Fall Semester of 2026, enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation planning or engineering, security planning, business management, finance, or logistics.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
- d. Demonstrate interest in addressing transportation studies issues.

Applications must be submitted to the WTS NJ College Outreach Chair, Laura Baldacchino at LBaldacchino@gpinet.com by **Friday, September 18, 2026**.

Scholarship winners will be presented during the WTS NJ Annual Event in **November 2026** (exact date to be determined). Attendance during the award ceremony is **strongly** recommended. Registration to this event is complimentary for scholarship recipients and one additional guest. Information about the Annual Event will be provided to scholarship recipients later this year.



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1. Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

E-mail address: _____

Primary Phone: (_____) _____

Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip): (if different from current)

2. Educational Background

Current College/School: _____

College/School City, State: _____

Diploma/Degree/Certification/License to be received:

Area of Concentration: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ (Min 3.0 required)

Previous Schools/Colleges/Universities Attended, Date Degree Earned, and GPA:

3. **Official College Transcript.** *(Please attach as a separate document.)*

4. **Resume** – Include the following. *(Please attach as a separate typed word document.)*
 - Employment History- List any full-time, part-time, co-op and/or summer employment and/or volunteer positions. Briefly describe duties and responsibilities.
 - Volunteer Experience – List any volunteer work. Briefly describe roles and responsibilities.
 - Professional and/or School Affiliations – List any school, professional, and/or community activities you have participated in. Include offices held and any awards received.

5. **Letter of Recommendation – From an employer/job supervisor or current teacher/professor.** *(Please attach as a separate typed document with contact details.)*

6. **Personal Statement:** A statement about your career goals 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 as a word document to application form.)*

7. **Proof of Enrollment:** Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

8. **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 31-40 41-50 51+

3. Anticipated Mode of Transportation Industry for Future Career

- Aviation
- Maritime
- Rail/Transit
- Roadway/Highway
- Other: _____

4. How did you hear about this scholarship?

- Friend
- Colleague in the Transportation Industry
- School/Teacher/Counselor
- Social Media:
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - LinkedIn
 - Snapchat
 - TikTok
 - Twitter
 - YouTube
- Local WTS NJ Chapter
- WTS International Website
- Other _____

Thank you for applying to the WTS NJ Leadership Scholarship for Graduates!

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____