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WTS NJ Graduate Scholarship (2026)

(Helene M. Overly Memorial)

The WTS New Jersey (WTS NJ) College Outreach Committee fosters the development of college students 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 NJ Graduate Scholarship (Helene M. Overly Memorial) to college students 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 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 NJ Graduate Scholarship is **\$5,000**. 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 engineering, planning, finance, or logistics.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

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

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. *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 Graduate Scholarship!

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____