

# 2026 Award Nominations Now Open!



**Deadline Extended  
to May 1, 2026**

Download individual applications at [www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/san-diego/awards-recognition](http://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/san-diego/awards-recognition)  
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## **MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

The Member of the Year is a member who has shown an extraordinary commitment to the goals and growth of WTS and has promoted the reputation of WTS within the transportation industry. This member has worked effectively to strengthen communication between local and international WTS levels or between chapters and has done an outstanding job of revitalizing or expanding their chapter.

## **WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

The Woman of the Year is a woman who is a leader in transportation and has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry. This woman has directly contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities through programs or opportunities in the transportation field. This woman has also advanced the reputation and credibility of women in transportation through her career achievements and support of women in the industry.

## **ROSA PARKS DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP**

The Rosa Parks Diversity Award honors an organization, company, or person who has shown effort, commitment and initiative in facilitating professional opportunities for women and minorities, promoting diversity and cultural awareness within their organization as well as the transportation industry.

## **PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE**

The Pursuit of Excellence award recognizes a female emerging leader with 5 to 15 years of transportation-related experience. This individual will have shown an active involvement and efforts in cultivating their own career and have mentored junior staff, students, and/or WTS members. This individual will have demonstrated a commitment to and made a positive impact on their community through their work and/or volunteer work. They conduct themselves in a way that furthers the mission, ideals, and values of WTS. The nominee must also be a WTS member at the time of selection.

## **HONORABLE RAY LAHOOD**

This award was created to recognize a man who is not only a leader in transportation, but who has also actively led and demonstrated by example his commitment to advance the mission, ideals, and values of WTS and has made outstanding contributions towards the advancement of women and minorities.

## **EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR**

An organization that has enhanced the transportation industry through commitment to excellence and quality in products and services. The award winner also has an outstanding record of affirmative action in hiring and promoting at all employment levels and supports continuing education of its employees. The award winner is an organization that encourages women students to enter the transportation field and supports WTS.

## **INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION**

This award is designed to honor any project that embraces new innovative solutions, projects, or policies where key personnel positions were filled by women. The goal of this award is to raise the visibility of transportation projects and services that improve the quality of life for its users and communities in San Diego County.

## **ALTERNATIVE MODES & ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

This award is designed to honor any project that embraces new innovative solutions, projects or policies where key personnel and leadership positions were filled by women. The goal of this award is to raise the visibility of innovative projects and services aimed specifically improving transportation through the use of alternative modes such as ride sharing, transit, bicycling, walking, and other types of active transportation to improve the quality of life for its users and communities in San Diego County.