



2027 WTS-Boston Ann Hershfang Graduate Scholarship/ 2027 WTS Foundation 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 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.

In 1998, WTS-Boston named its graduate scholarship in honor of Ann Hershfang, who was WTS-Boston President from 1985-1987. Ann served on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Port Authority, as well as Undersecretary for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Ann is a co-founder of Walk-Boston and is a leader in the effort to improve pedestrian safety and walking conditions.

The WTS-Boston Ann Hershfang Graduate Scholarship is in the amount of \$5,000. The winning recipient's application is then forwarded to the WTS Foundation for consideration for **the International WTS Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship for an additional \$10,000.** The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- b. Currently 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.
- d. Must be a member of WTS-Boston. **Student membership is free.** The registration link can be found at <https://www.wtsinternational.org/home/membership>. You must create an account first and then select the WTS-Boston chapter and apply for student membership.
- e. Applicants can win this particular scholarship only once.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted through the WTS-Boston Chapter. To the extent possible, applicants should submit their application

materials in one email, including this application form in its original MS Word .docx file format, personal statement, and any supporting documents. Letters of recommendation and transcripts may be included in the applicant's package or submitted separately by the recommender or school, as applicable.

Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. The WTS-Boston Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship will be presented in June 2027 at the WTS-Boston Awards & Scholarships Banquet. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2027, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Past winners are not eligible for winning the same award twice. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Please return your completed application to:

Heather Moulton and Megha Parameswaraiah, WTS-Boston Scholarship & Award Committee Co-Chairs at WTSBostonawards@gmail.com. **All complete scholarship applications are due by Friday, November 13, 2026, 5 pm.**

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Date MM/dd/yyyy

I. Personal Information

First Name	M.I. (optional)	Last Name
Email Address		
Primary Phone Number		
Current Address:		
Street		
City, State, ZIP		
Permanent Address: (if different from above)		
Street		
City, State, Zip		
Country (if applicable)		

II. Educational Background

Current College/University	School Name
City, State	School City, State
Expected Date of Graduation	Month/Year
Degree to be Received	
Area of Concentration	
Grade Point Average	
(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Include official copy of transcript with application, or school may email it to WTSBostonawards@gmail.com . First semester graduate students, please send official undergraduate transcript and a print-out listing your current courses.)	

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

Previous Colleges/Universities

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, as a typed MS Word document or compatible file format.)

Affiliations

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, as a typed MS Word document or compatible file format.)

Work Experience

IV. Recommendations: Two letters of recommendation by professors or job supervisors must accompany your application. Attach PDF letters to application, or recommenders may email them to WTSBostonawards@gmail.com.

V. 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. The WTS Foundation application portal strictly enforces word-count limits and will not accept statements that exceed the maximum length. Please include as a MS Word document or compatible file format with your application submission.

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
 - ☐ X (Formerly Twitter)
 - ☐ YouTube
 - ☐ Other (Please write in)
- ☐ WTS Chapter
- ☐ WTS International Website
- ☐ Other (Please write in)

Applicant Signature Type Your Name

Date MM/dd/yyyy