

2027 WTS-Boston Mary Jane O'Meara Member Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship began as the WTS-Boston Member Graduate Scholarship in 2016 by the Boston Chapter of WTS to encourage women to pursue higher education within the field of transportation while being both an active member of WTS-Boston and a full time employee. The scholarship was renamed to the WTS-Boston Mary Jane O'Meara Member Graduate Scholarship in 2020 after her husband set up a scholarship fund for WTS in Mary Jane's name in honor of her 70th birthday, recognizing her passion for WTS as well as advocating for and mentoring others. The scholarship is being awarded to an employed WTS-Boston Member pursuing a graduate degree focusing in transportation or a related field.

Mary Jane O'Meara is a past WTS-Boston and WTS-International President who currently serves as the Vice President of the HNTB Boston Office and National Tolling Group. Her more than 40 years of experience includes two decades working for the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), serving as Operations Manager and Director of the Tobin Memorial Bridge. She is also a past president of the International Bridge, Tunnel, Turnpike Association (IBTTA).

The recipient of this scholarship will be someone who intends to strengthen her career by earning a degree in higher education within a transportation-related field and is an active WTS-Boston Member.

The WTS-Boston Mary Jane O'Meara Member Graduate Scholarship is in the amount of \$5,000.

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- a) Woman currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, planning, marketing, administration, finance or logistics/operations.
- b) Currently a full-time employee in a transportation-related field. Part-time employment, internships, co-ops, and work in academia related to graduate studies will not be considered full-time employment. Full-time work is considered 30 hours or more.
- c) Current WTS-Boston Member who actively participates in WTS-Boston Chapter.
- d) 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.

The scholarship is competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation involvement and goals, job skills, and academic record. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Candidates may also be asked to participate in a phone or personal interview. The

WTS-Boston Mary Jane O'Meara Member Graduate Scholarship will be presented in June 2027 at the WTS-Boston Awards & Scholarships Banquet.

The winner must be an active WTS-Boston Member.

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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I. Personal Information

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

Please include the following with this application form:

II. **Educational Background** – Current and Past Colleges/Universities, City/State, (Expected) Date of Graduation, Degree, Area of Concentration. Include **official** copy of transcript with application, or school may email it to WTSBostonawards@gmail.com. First-semester graduate students, please submit official undergraduate transcript and a print-out listing your current courses.

III. **Employment History** – For current position, be sure to include hours worked per week

IV. **Recommendation** – Two letters of recommendation must accompany your application, preferably one academic reference and one professional reference. “Generic” recommendations are discouraged. Please keep reference letters to one page. Attach PDF letters to application, or recommenders may email them to WTSBostonawards@gmail.com.

V. **Personal Statement** – A statement about your full-time work, your graduate studies, how your degree will advance your career and support your intended career path after graduation, and why you think you should receive the scholarship award. It should include a description of your research/thesis project, if applicable. Statement should not exceed **1,000 words**. Please include as a MS Word document or compatible file format with your application submission.

VI. **Involvement in WTS** – How long have you been a member? What types of activities have you been involved in during your membership timeframe? Statement should not exceed **400 words**. Please include as a MS Word document or compatible file format with your application submission.

VII. **Proof of Enrollment** – Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

Applicant Signature Type Your Name

Date MM/dd/yyyy

VIII. **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. If you choose to provide your information please include this sheet in your package as the last page of the pdf and it will be extracted into another file.

1. Race/Ethnicity (select all that apply)

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| ☐ Asian | ☐ Multiracial |
| ☐ Black | ☐ Pacific Islander |
| ☐ East Indian | ☐ White |
| ☐ Hispanic/Latino | ☐ Other (<u>Please write in</u>) |
| ☐ Indigenous | ☐ Choose not to disclose |
| ☐ Middle Eastern | |

2. Age

- ☐15-18
- ☐19-23
- ☐24-30
- ☐31-50
- ☐50+

3. Anticipated or Current Mode of Transportation Career Focus (select all that apply)

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|--|---|
| ☐ Aviation | ☐ Non-Motorized |
| ☐ Freight | ☐ Passenger |
| ☐ Highway/Auto | ☐ Transit |
| ☐ Maritime/Port | ☐ Other (<u>Please write in</u>) |
| ☐ Multi-modal | |

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)