WTS Erin Slayton Leadership Legacy

Scholarship for Graduates

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, WTS provides a **$5,000** scholarship to an outstanding young woman pursuing graduate studies working toward a career in transportation or a related field, and who demonstrates a specific interest in advancing transportation innovation.

The WTS mission to build the transportation industry through the global advancement of women can be realized by encouraging women to further their careers as leaders in transportation. WTS 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 women 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 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 planning or engineering, security planning, business management, finance, or logistics with a focus on public policy.
c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
d. Demonstrated interest in addressing transportation studies issues.
e. Submission of a personal statement of 500 words or less highlighting candidate's interest in transportation-related fields, relevant experiences and interests, and how this award will contribute to the candidate's ability to make a meaningful contribution in the transportation arena.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. National awards will be presented during the upcoming WTS Annual Conference in May, 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. Please contact your local WTS chapter for specifics.

Leadership Legacy Scholarship for Graduates Application

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I. Personal Information

Name_____
Last First Middle
E-mail Address_____
Primary Phone _____
Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):
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Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):
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II. Educational Background

Current College/University _____
City, State_____
Expected Date of Graduation_____
Degree to be Received_____
Area of Concentration_____
Grade Point Average_____
(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Attach official copy of transcript to application.)

Previous Colleges/Universities Attended, Date Degree Earned and GPA:
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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 typed word documents.)

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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 typed word documents.)

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IV. Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor must accompany your application.

V. 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.

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
  ☐Twitter
  ☐YouTube
  ☐Other (please write in)
☐WTS Chapter
☐WTS International Website
☐Other (please write in)_____

Applicant Signature_____Date_____

- Applications for WTS scholarships must be submitted via email to the WTS Charlotte Metro Chapter Scholarship Co-Chairs by **December 13, 2026.**
- Application format: Save ALL application materials as one PDF file. If transcript files cannot be saved into the PDF, save as a jpeg, then convert to a PDF and combine.
- Return application to:

Applications and questions may be submitted to:
charlottemetrowts@gmail.com
Scholarship Co-Chairs: Mia Halperin & Lexcen Grosshuesch