



WTS Jannet Walker-Ford Leadership Legacy Scholarship

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding young woman pursuing graduate studies working toward a career in transportation or a related field, and who demonstrates an 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 WTS Sacramento Chapter Leadership Legacy Scholarship currently takes the name of the 2022-2024 WTS International Chair, Jannet Walker-Ford.

This Leadership Legacy Scholarship is awarded at the local and international level. The WTS Sacramento Chapter will award \$3,000 to the local recipient. WTS Sacramento will then forward the application of the local recipient of this scholarship for entrance in the national level scholarship selection process. The national level of this scholarship award amount is \$5,000. 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 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 issue(s)
- e. Submission of a personal statement of 500 words or less highlighting candidate's interest in transportation/related field, 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 WTS Sacramento as a **single, typed PDF** file. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. **The WTS Sacramento Chapter Jannet Walker-Ford Leadership Legacy Scholarship recipient will receive \$3,000 from the Sacramento Chapter and will be presented with their award at the Annual Award & Scholarships Event in January 2024.**

Applicants are encouraged to apply for multiple applicable WTS Sacramento Scholarships; however, our chapter will award only one scholarship per Applicant.

Recipients of the national awards will be notified in early spring 2024. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2024.

Please return the completed application, including all required attachments, as a single (1), multi-page PDF to: sac.wts.scholarships@gmail.com

Applications must be received by **5pm on October 13, 2023**. Please direct any questions to our Scholarship Chairs at the above email address or:

Veronica Garcia-McGrew (916) 366-3040

Lizette Martinez (831) 235-4729

Leadership Legacy Scholarship for Graduates Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

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 unofficial copy of transcript to application.)

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

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 PDF.)

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 PDF.)

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 PDF to application form.

VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

Print typed application form, sign, and scan.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____