



WTS 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.

The Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship is awarded at the local and international level. The WTS Sacramento Chapter will award \$3,000 to the local recipient of the Overly Memorial Scholarship. 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 award is in the amount of \$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

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 Helene M. Overly Memorial 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 (1 multi-page PDF file) 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

WTS Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship 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. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach to application form as a typed PDF.

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 _____