



WTS Bimla G. Rhinehart Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates

Part of the WTS goal of fostering the development of women in the transportation field can be realized by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. The Bimla G. Rhinehart Scholarship is awarded to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field who demonstrate leadership skills, ability, and interest.

The purpose of the Bimla G. Rhinehart Leadership Scholarship is to motivate and reward women who demonstrate leadership in the transportation industry. Ms. Rhinehart applied her broad expertise in transportation issues both as the Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission and numerous leadership roles at the Department of Transportation to improve the quality of life for all Californians. She is recognized as a leader in developing and fostering long lasting relationships with stakeholders and partners across the state to promote the success of California's integrated intermodal transportation program. Leadership does not just happen. Leaders take on struggles that many would avoid and persevere to reach successful outcomes. These qualities should receive special attention in the selection of the award winner.

At the national level, the Bimla G. Rhinehart Leadership Scholarship is awarded as the Molitoris Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. The application of the local recipient is forwarded for entrance in the international scholarship selection process. At the local level, the Bimla G. Rhinehart Leadership Scholarship is \$3,000. The minimum criteria for selection are:

- a. GPA of 3.0 or higher
- b. Currently enrolled in an undergraduate 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. Applicants for the Bimla G. Rhinehart Leadership Scholarship must specifically address the issue of leadership on their personal statement

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as a typed **PDF**. 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. National awards will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2023. **The scholarship recipient will receive \$3,000 from the Sacramento Chapter in January 2023.**

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 December 2, 2022**. Please direct any questions to our Scholarship Chair at the above email address or:

Veronica Garcia-McGrew (916) 366-3040

WTS Bimla G. Rhinehart Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates 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: Letter 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 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 _____