



## 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 in the amount of \$3,000 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.

WTS Sacramento will forward the application of the local recipient of this scholarship for entrance in the national level scholarship selection process. At the national level, the Bimla G. Rhinehart Leadership Scholarship is awarded as the Molitoris Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. 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 the WTS Sacramento chapter 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 Bimla G. Rhinehart Leadership 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](mailto: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 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):  
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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 unofficial 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_