

2024-25 WTS Portland Chapter College and University Scholarships

DEADLINE: Due Tuesday, January 7th, 2025

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| **Junior College / Trade School Scholarship** | **Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship** | **Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship** | **Molitoris Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates** | **Bridgette Beato Leadership Legacy Scholarship** | **Gail Achterman Leadership Scholarship No. 1** | **Gail Achterman Leadership Scholarship No. 2** |
| $2,500 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 |
| Jr. College / Trade | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergraduate | Graduate | Undergraduate or Graduate | Undergraduate or Graduate |

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| The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:  a. Open to all women  b. GPA of 3.0 or higher  c. Currently enrolled in an Oregon or SW Washington (Cowlitz, Clark, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, or Wahkiakum counties) junior college/trade school program, undergraduate or graduate degree program in a transportation-related field such as transportation engineering, planning, finance, communications, business management, or logistics with a focus on public policy.  e. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field  f. Not previously awarded a WTS scholarship at the Graduate level  Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation career goals; leadership, especially related to transportation, community and equity; academic potential; transportation-related activities or job skills; lived experiences and contribution to the diversity of your community or student body; personal statement; and letters of recommendation. First generation college students, students of color and candidates representing a diversity of educational experiences are encouraged to apply. **Portland chapter awards will be presented in April 2025 and attendance is strongly recommended.** |
| **How to Apply: Submit electronically to Amy Salisbury** [**Amy.Salisbury@hdrinc.com**](mailto:Amy.Salisbury@hdrinc.com) **(503) 423-3804**  - The completed application must be submitted electronically as a typed Word document or PDF.  - Transcripts and letters of recommendation can be provided electronically as PDFs by email.  - Please submit application package as one application submittal.  ***All components of application must be received no later than Tuesday, January 7th, 2025.***  *Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Application materials are not returned to applicants.* |

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| **Email Subject Line:** | “WTS scholarship application for *your name*, *scholarship name”* |
| **Application** | Typing your name in the signature space will be considered an electronic signature. |
| **Transcript(s)** | Copy of official transcript can be e-mailed |
| **Letter of recommendation** | Submit by email as part of your application package |



WTS Junior College/Trade School Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding community, technical, or trade college scholarships to women pursuing transportation- related study at community and trade colleges.

This scholarship is intended for students pursuing an associate or technical degree in transportation-related studies.

WTS Portland Scholarship winners may be selected to compete for an additional scholarship from the WTS Foundation.

WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the WTS Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship to women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field.

The scholarship honors Sharon D. Banks, chief executive officer of AC Transit in Alameda-Contra Costa County, California. As its CEO throughout most of the 1990’s, Banks led the agency in a pioneering effort to introduce cultural and organizational changes aimed at motivating the public-transit work force. She was a member of the WTS Advisory Board and received the WTS San Francisco Chapter Woman of the Year and Employer of the Year awards.

WTS Portland Scholarship winners may be selected to compete for an additional scholarship from the WTS Foundation.

**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.

WTS Portland Scholarship winners may be selected to compete for an additional scholarship from the WTS Foundation.

WTS Molitoris Leadership Scholarship

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 WTS Molitoris Leadership 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 WTS Molitoris Leadership Scholarship is to motivate and reward women who demonstrate leadership in the transportation industry. The leadership, skills, and perspectives of women are essential to assure that the transportation systems of the future respond to the needs of all. Leadership does not just happen. Leaders personally invest and risk much. They must 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 Portland Scholarship winners may be selected to compete for an additional scholarship from the WTS Foundation.

WTS Bridgette Beato Leadership Legacy Scholarship

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, WTS provides support 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 in the international arena.

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.

WTS Portland Scholarship winners may be selected to compete for an additional scholarship from the WTS Foundation.

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**Gail Achterman Leadership Scholarship**

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 Gail Achterman Leadership Scholarship, created in 2012, is awarded to women pursuing graduate or undergraduate studies in transportation or a related field that demonstrate leadership skills, ability, and interest.

Gail Achterman was one of Oregon’s foremost experts in natural resources, environmental law and policy, and transportation. She served as chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission and director of the Institute for Natural Resources at Oregon State University. Gail's community service was vast and included: president of the Oregon Women's Forum, the Board of Directors and executive committee of the Portland Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Governors of the City Club of Portland. She was a senior fellow in the American Leadership Forum. One of Gail's proudest achievements was participating in drafting the legislation that created the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area in 1981. Gail received numerous awards, including the Richard Neuberger Award from the Oregon Environmental Council.

The purpose of the Gail Achterman Leadership Scholarship is to motivate and reward women who demonstrate leadership in the transportation industry. The leadership, skills and perspective of women are essential to assure that the transportation systems of the future respond to the needs of all. Leadership does not just happen. Leaders personally invest and risk much. They must 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.

The amount awarded for the Gail Achterman Leadership Scholarship is determined based on the private donations received at the WTS Portland Chapter winter and spring awards events. This year, two (2) Gail Achterman scholarships are offered.

WTS Portland Scholarship winners may be selected to compete for an additional scholarship from the WTS Foundation.



WTS Portland Chapter Junior College/Trade School, Undergraduate and Graduate 2024-25 Scholarships Application

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| I. Personal Information | | | |
| Scholarship(s) applied for:  \*\*may apply for more than one scholarship as long as eligibility criteria is met for each one | Undergraduate/Jr. College – Trade School  \_\_ Jr. College/Trade School  \_\_ Sharon D. Banks  \_\_ Molitoris Leadership  \_\_ Gail Achterman | | Graduate Students  \_\_ Helene Overly  \_\_ Bridgette Beato Leadership  Legacy  \_\_ Gail Achterman |
| Name *Last, First, Middle* | |  | |
| Email address | |  | |
| Telephone | |  | |
| Current Address *Street City, State, Zip* | |  | |
| Permanent Address *Street*  *City, State, Zip* | |  | |
| II. Educational Background | | | |
| College / University | |  | |
| City, State | |  | |
| Expected date of graduation | |  | |
| Degree to be received | |  | |
| Area of concentration | |  | |
| Grade point average (GPA)  *(Minimum GPA of 3.0 required. Attach official 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.) | |  | |
| Are you a first generation college student? | |  | |

**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.) Applicant may choose to provide a resume.

**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 and/or continuing education after graduation. How does your lived experience influence your interest in transportation and equity? What motivates you to be a leader in these areas? How have you (or how will you) contribute to the diversity of the student body and transportation sector, including but not limited to culture, gender, age, economic background, race and language? Statement must not exceed 500 words.

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

**VII. Official Transcripts**:   
Include a copy of official transcripts from all colleges and universities listed above in your application.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_