

# WTS Bridgette Beato Leadership Legacy

# Scholarship for Graduates

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 launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this scholarship, the WTS San Francisco Bay Chapter awards **$5,000** 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. The recipient will be submitted to WTS International to compete for an additional **$5,000** scholarship.

The minimum criteria for selection are:

1. Must be female or female identifying
2. GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Must come from, live, or go to school either the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area[[1]](#footnote-1), three-county Monterey Bay Area[[2]](#footnote-2) or San Luis Obispo County.
4. 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.
5. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
6. Demonstrated interest in addressing transportation studies issues.
7. Submission of a personal statement of 500 words or less highlighting candidate’s interest in transportation-related fields, relevant experiences and interests, and how this award will contribute to the candidate’s ability to make a meaningful contribution in the transportation arena.

Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's leadership experience, specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Applications must be submitted to Marcella Rensi at [marcella.rensi@vta.org](mailto:marcella.rensi@vta.org) as typed documents by **January 3, 2025**.

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter awards will be presented during the chapter’s annual event in June 2025. International awards will be presented at the WTS Annual Conference in Toronto in May 2025. Attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration is free for scholarship winners and the chapter will cover travel and hotel costs.

# 2024-25 Leadership Legacy Scholarship for Graduates Application

* 1. **Personal Information**

Name Last First Middle

E-mail Address Primary Phone Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

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

# 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. Official transcript required, may send separately) 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 typed word documents.)

# 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.)

* 1. **Recommendation**: At least two letters of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor; letters may be sent directly to marcella.rensi@vta.org application.
  2. **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 word document to application form.
  3. **Proof of Enrollment**: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.
  4. **Demographic Information:** WTS is committed to recognizing the achievements of students pursuing transportation related degrees. To track our progress in reaching diverse applicants, we ask that you complete this confidential demographic information. **This is not required for scholarship awards and will not be used in the selection process.**

# Race/Ethnicity (select all that apply)

# Asian

# Black

# East Indian

# Hispanic/Latino

# Indigenous

# Middle Eastern

# Multiracial

# Pacific Islander

# White

# Other (please write in)

# Choose not to disclose

# Age

# 15-18

# 19-23

# 24-30

# 31-50

# 50+

# Anticipated or Current Mode of Transportation Career Focus (select all that apply)

# Aviation

# Freight

# Highway/Auto

# Maritime/Port

# Multi-modal

# Non-Motorized

# Passenger

# Transit

Other (please write in)

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# How did you hear about this scholarship?

# Friend

# School/Teacher

# Social Media:

# Facebook

# Instagram

# LinkedIn

# Snapchat

# TikTok

# Twitter

# YouTube

# Other (please write in)

# WTS Chapter

# WTS International Website

Other (please write in)

Applicant Signature Date

1. Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz [↑](#footnote-ref-2)