



September 18, 2026

Dear Scholarship Applicant –

Greetings, my name is Maddie Reitz and I am the WTS Michigan Chapter Scholarship Co-Chair. We are looking forward to hearing from you with your scholarship application for the 2026-2027 academic year! In the attached package you will find:

- Scholarship description
- WTS International Award details
- Scholarship Criteria
- Blank Scholarship Form

Please be sure to follow all instructions to ensure that your application is accepted for evaluation.

1. Application and Personal Statement: Email (pdf or word document)
2. Recommendation Letter(s), and Proof of Enrollment: Email (pdf)
3. Official Transcript: Mail or Email (pdf)

Electronic application submissions are preferred.

WTS Michigan will select one winner for the scholarship. The winning application will be presented at our annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet in Winter/Spring 2027. Attendance at the banquet is strongly encouraged and admission is complimentary. WTS Michigan will then submit the winning application for the National award which will be presented during the WTS Annual Conference in May 2027. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary.

Please return the completed application to:

Maddie Reitz
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East Lansing, MI 48823
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Applications must be returned no later than Friday, November 20, 2026

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maddie Reitz'.

Maddie Reitz
WTS Michigan Scholarship Co-Chair



2026-27 WTS Bridgette Beato Leadership Legacy Scholarship

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, WTS Michigan provides a **\$3,000** scholarship (International is \$5,000 which you will automatically be entered for if you win at the local level) 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 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 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 planning or engineering, security planning, business management, finance, or logistics with a focus on public policy.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.
- d. Demonstrated interest in addressing transportation studies issues.
- e. 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.

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.)

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. 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.

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

VII. 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.**

1 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

2 Age

- ☐ 15-18
- ☐ 19-23
- ☐ 24-30
- ☐ 31-50
- ☐ 50+

3 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)_____

4 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_____