



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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2651 Coolidge Rd
Suite 202
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 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.

The WTS Michigan Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship is **\$3,000** (International is \$10,000 which you will automatically be entered for if you win at the local level). 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 engineering, planning, finance, or logistics.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

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. Statement should not exceed 500 words. Please attach to application form as a typed word document.

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_____