



Bridgette Beato Leadership Legacy Scholarship for Graduates Application

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, WTS provides a **\$5,000** scholarship 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 Leadership Legacy Scholarship currently takes the name of the 2024-2026 WTS International Chair, Bridgette Beato.

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.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. National awards will be presented during the upcoming WTS Annual Conference in May, and attendance during the awards ceremony is strongly recommended. Conference registration for scholarship winners is complimentary. Local chapters will assist with arrangements upon selection and may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Please contact your local WTS chapter for specifics.