

2015-2016

Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship

The 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 Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship through the Greater Chicago Chapter is \$4,000. The winner of the Greater Chicago Chapter scholarship will be nominated for the WTS International Foundation scholarship of \$10,000. 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 in Illinois, Indiana or Iowa.
- c. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field.

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed **Word documents**. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Chicago chapter awards will be presented at the annual awards event to be held in Chicago, IL in the Spring of 2016. National awards will be presented on May 19, 2016 at the annual WTS International Conference in Austin, TX. If selected for a scholarship, attendance at the awards event is strongly recommended. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed below for specifics.

Questions may be sent via e-mail to WTSChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com.

Word versions of the application form may be downloaded from <http://www.wtsinternational.org/greaterchicago/scholarships/>

Completed applications must be received by your local chapter no later than Friday, October 30, 2015.

Submittal Instructions & Checklists

*The requested documents are to be e-mailed **and** a complete package is to be mailed following the instructions below.*

E-mail: WTSCChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com:

Subject Line: "Last Name – Scholarship Name" (ie. "Smith-Overly Graduate Scholarship")

Documents to Include:

- 1. Application Form (Word document)
- 2. Personal Statement (Word document)
- 3. Proof of Enrollment (PDF document)
- 4. Resume (optional)

E-mail must be received by 11:59pm CT, October 30, 2015.

-AND-

Mail: A single application package including the following documents is preferred. If any documents will be arriving separately please let us know this in your email submission.

Address:

Carrie Desmond
WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff
WTS Greater Chicago Scholarship Committee Chair
30 N. LaSalle Street Suite 4200
Chicago, IL 60602

Documents to Include:

- 1. Signed Application Form
- 2. Official Transcript
- 3. Recommendation Letter(s) (Submit in a signed, sealed envelope)
- 4. Personal Statement
- 5. Proof of Enrollment
- 6. Resume (optional)

Packages must be received by October 30, 2015.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Who do I contact with questions?

A: Questions can be e-mailed to WTSCChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com

Q: Can I e-mail my application?

A: See the submittal instructions on page two of the application packet. Select documents are to be submitted via email with a complete package submitted via mail.

Q: Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

A: Yes. You can apply for all scholarships for which you meet the minimum criteria for selection that are included on page one of the application packet.

Q: What should I include for my transcript if this is my first semester?

A: Include your undergraduate transcript.

Q: Can I use my student ID as proof of enrollment?

A: No. Examples of proof of enrollment include an official listing of courses which you are currently enrolled in or a tuition receipt for the current semester.

Q: Are international students eligible to apply?

A: Yes. International students are eligible and encouraged to apply. Students must be attending a school in Illinois, Iowa or Indiana to be eligible for a graduate scholarship from the Greater Chicago Chapter.

Q: Are “dreamers” eligible to apply?

A: Yes. “Dreamers” (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act) are eligible to apply.

Q: When will I be notified if I have been selected for the scholarship award?

A: Students are typically notified if they have been selected for the Greater Chicago Chapter Award in January. Winners of the local chapter award are nominated for the International Foundation award. Students are typically notified if they have been selected for the International Foundation award in March.

Q: Can I apply for a scholarship if I have applied in previous years?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I apply for a scholarship if I am a past recipient?

A: Yes.

Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Student E-mail address _____

Permanent E-mail address _____

Primary Phone (____) _____

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

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

II. 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. 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, as typed word documents.)
