

## **WTS Beverley Swaim Staley Leadership Legacy Scholarship**

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, the WTS Heart of Texas Chapter provides \$3,000 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 in the international arena.

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. Through the Leadership Legacy Scholarship, WTS seeks to motivate and reward women who demonstrate leadership in the industry to bring ideas, innovation, and new approaches to transportation challenges in the US and beyond.

The Leadership Legacy Scholarship currently takes the name of the 2014-2016 WTS International Chair, Beverley Swaim Staley. As Chair of the WTS International Board of Directors, Beverley Swaim Staley's involvement in WTS began 14 years ago in Baltimore where she was a very active member, supporting WTS and the advancement of women through her role as Maryland's Secretary of Transportation for many years. She was nominated to become Vice Chair of the 2012-2014 WTS International Board of Directors, and now serves as Chair.

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 issue(s).
- e. Submission of a personal statement of 1,000 words or less highlighting candidate's interest in transportation/related field, relevant experiences and interests, and how this award will contribute to the candidate's ability to make a meaningful contribution in the transportation arena.
- f. Not a previous recipient of the Leadership Legacy Scholarship from the Heart of Texas Chapter.

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. Local awards will be presented on April 10, 2015, and national awards will be presented on May 21, 2015. If selected as the scholarship recipient attendance at both awards dinners is strongly recommended.

Please return the completed application to:

Laura Friello  
c/o Klotz Associates  
901 South MoPac Expressway  
Building V, Suite 220  
Austin, Texas 78746  
Laura.Friello@klotz.com

*Applications can be submitted either electronically or in hard copy form and must be received no later than November 3, 2014.*

# Leadership Legacy Scholarship for Graduates Application

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## I. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## 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:

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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.)

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**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.)

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**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 their vision of how this education will equip you to better serve your community’s needs and transportation issues. Applicants must also address the issue of leadership, its importance in a transportation career, and the applicant’s leadership achievements. Statement should not exceed 1,000 words or two pages. 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. Application Scoring:**

Leadership achievements, especially related to transportation	25%
Curriculum and grades	25%
Commitment to transportation demonstrated by extracurricular activities and/or work experience	20%
Written essay/writing skills	20%
Recommendations	10%

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_