

**2015-2016**

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

WTS launched the Leadership Legacy Scholarship in 2007. Through this award, the Greater Chicago Chapter provides \$2,500 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 winner of the Greater Chicago Chapter scholarship will be nominated for the WTS International Foundation scholarship of \$5,000.

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 in Illinois, Indiana or Iowa.
- 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.

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. 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 [WTSCChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:WTSCChicago.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:** [WTSChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:WTSChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com):

Subject Line: "Last Name – Scholarship Name" (ie. "Smith- Leadership Legacy 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. Two Recommendation Letters (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 [WTSChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:WTSChicago.Scholarship@gmail.com)

Q: Can I e-mail my application?

A: See the submittal instructions on page three 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.



