



The President's Legacy Scholarship for Graduate Studies

About the President's Legacy Scholarship

In 2007 WTS launched the **President's Legacy Scholarship**. Through this award, WTS provides \$3,000 to an outstanding young woman pursuing graduate studies towards a career in transportation or a related field, and who demonstrates a specific interest in advancing transportation innovation in the international arena. This "rotating" scholarship takes the name of the current WTS International President Elaine Dezenski who is serving from 2008 through 2010.

The WTS mission of transforming the transportation industry through the advancement of women can be realized by encouraging them to further their careers as leaders in the transportation industry. 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 Elaine Dezenski Legacy Scholarship, WTS seeks to motivate and reward women who demonstrate leadership in the transportation industry to bring ideas, innovation and new approaches to transportation challenges in the US and beyond. This year's focus on global transportation challenges encourages candidates who have a specific interest in addressing the impact of transportation on sustainability, land use, environmental impact, security and quality of life as they affect communities around the globe.

About the President

A member of WTS since 1993, WTS International President Elaine Dezenski has been honored to serve in numerous leadership positions at both the Chapter and International level within the organization, including President of the WTS Washington, DC chapter 1998-2000, WTS International Board Member (2002-2004) Treasurer (2004-2006), Vice President (2006-2008). She has been an active member of the transportation and security community in both the public and private sector. From 2000-2006, she served in a variety of civil service and political appointments at the U.S. Departments of Transportation and Homeland Security. She was Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and Business Development at Cross Match Technologies, Inc., where she oversaw the company's global government affairs initiatives and business development. Elaine is currently Managing Director, Global Security Initiative at Interpol.



Criteria

The minimum criteria for selection:

- a. Open to women**
- b. GPA of 3.0 or higher**
- c. Currently enrolled in an graduate degree program in a transportation-related field, such as transportation engineering, security planning, business management, finance or logistics**
- d. Plans to pursue a career in a transportation-related field**
- e. Demonstrated interest in addressing global transportation issue(s)**
- e. Submission of a personal statement of 1,000 words or less highlighting candidate's interest in transportation/related field; relevant international experiences and interests; and how this award will contribute to the candidate's ability to make a meaningful contribution in the transportation arena.**

Applications

Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters. The 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. National awards will be presented in May 21, 2009 and attendance at awards dinner is strongly recommended. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed below for specifics.

Please return the completed application to:

WTS-Houston Chapter
Scholarship Committee
2950 North Loop West, Suite 900
Houston, Texas 77092

Applications must be returned no later than **November 17, 2008.**



President's Legacy Scholarship for Graduates Application

I. Personal Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Address _____
Street

City State Zip Telephone (____)

E-mail address _____

Permanent Address _____
Street

City State Zip Telephone (____)

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.)

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.)

IV. Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor and Community Service Program Coordinator/Director 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 your vision of how this education will equip you to better serve your community's needs and transportation issues. Statement should not exceed 1000 words or two pages. Please attach to application form.

VI. Proof of Enrollment: Attach a copy of your tuition receipt or current registration card.

Signature _____ Date _____