



# North Carolina Triangle Chapter

## 2024 Chapter Award Nominations

The NC Triangle Chapter is accepting award nominations for outstanding people in the transportation community, extraordinarily committed WTS members, and superior employers for our chapter recognition program. Awards criteria are outlined on the following pages.

Winners will be selected by the Chapter's Executive Board and announced at the **WTS NC Triangle Chapter's 2024 Awards Go Gala** in the spring. Chapter award recipients will also be forwarded to WTS International for national award consideration.

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| ▶ Member of the Year                       | ▶ Rookie of the Year                 |
| ▶ Woman of the Year                        | ▶ Employer of the Year               |
| ▶ Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award    | ▶ Community Activist/Organizer Award |
| ▶ Innovative Transportation Solution Award | ▶ Honorary Membership Nominee        |
| ▶ Honorable Ray Lahood Award               |                                      |

To make nominations for any or all of the nine awards, please fill out and submit the information requested via Google Forms [here](#). Consideration will be given to all nominations that are received by **March 15, 2024**.

Please do not hesitate to contact Anamika Laad at: [alaad@ncdot.gov](mailto:alaad@ncdot.gov) with any questions or concerns.

Thanks in advance for your time and participation in WTS NC Triangle,  
and good luck to your nominees!

Sincerely,  
**WTS-NC Triangle Awards Committee**



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## CRITERIA

### ► Member of the Year\*

*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR*

This award acknowledges a WTS-NC Triangle member who has made extraordinary contributions to the success of the organization. The member who has shown an extraordinary commitment to the goals and growth of WTS by working effectively in support of its goals.

This member has promoted the reputation of WTS within the transportation industry and has worked effectively to strengthen communication between local and international WTS levels or between chapters. This award honors a member who has done an outstanding job of revitalizing or expanding a chapter or any of its functions. Please identify WTS activities this candidate has been involved in, including an explanation of how they've promoted the reputation of WTS within the transportation industry, expanded and worked effectively to strengthen communication between local and national levels, or between chapters.

### ► Woman of the Year

This category is designed to reach beyond WTS-NC Triangle membership to honor a woman who is an outstanding role model in transportation. This award is designed for a woman who is a leader in transportation, has made outstanding contributions to the transportation industry and has directly contributed toward the advancement of woman and minorities through programs or opportunities in the transportation field, and through her career achievements and support of women in the industry has advanced the reputation and credibility of women in transportation.

### ► Honorable Ray Lahood Award

This new award was created to recognize a man who is a leader in transportation and has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry. This man who has directly contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities through programs or opportunities in the transportation field. One who has led by example, seeking out opportunities to advance and advocate for women in his own organization, and who has actively ensured that women are able to compete for key positions of authority within that organization. This award will recognize a man who, through his career achievements and support of women in the industry, has advanced the reputation and credibility of women in transportation.



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## Criteria (continued)

### ► Employer of the Year

This award honors an organization (company, non-profit, association or government agency) for recruiting, retaining and advancing women. Please include a description of the organization's structure, including the number of women in executive and senior positions and those leading major initiatives. Specify the career development plans and succession programs the organization has in place for women to advance within the organization and give example(s) of how the organization provides continuing development for its female employees through Professional education, Professional organizations, and/or Professional development opportunities. Provide example(s) of how the organization supports the goals and purpose of WTS through encouraging women students to enter the transportation field by providing internship opportunities and has supported WTS as well as through memberships, sponsorships and employee involvement at the local or international levels.

### ► Innovative Transportation Solution Award

This award salutes an innovative transportation project led by a woman. Describe the purpose of the transportation initiative, solution, project or policy and the number of women involved from initiation to completion. Identify the key elements of the project and how the female project manager successfully implemented those elements. Illustrate how the female project manager successfully met and overcame challenges. Explain how the project achieved its purpose.

### ► Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award

The WTS Diversity Award recognizes either an organization(s) or individual(s) exhibiting extraordinary efforts or initiatives in facilitating professional opportunities for women and minorities. They have made significant contributions to promoting diversity, inclusion and multi-cultural awareness within their organization, the transportation industry, or in a project or activity that supports that goals and mission of WTS.

### ► Rookie of the Year

This award honors a professional who has been in the industry for less than 7 years, who during this time has made significant contributions to the industry and made a positive impact in their group/company. This is awarded to a professional who has great promise as a future leader in the industry, has exceeded expectations in their field and is a current WTS Member.



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## Criteria (continued)

### ▶ Community Activist/Organizer Award

This award honors a professional who is highly involved in one or more of the following: community service, charity work, any political/social activism that promotes the well-being of people, the responsible growth of the industry, or being good stewards of our planet and its resources. This recognizes the individual professional that has a positive influence on the thoughts and actions of those around them, and through their activism has made a difference in the surrounding community.

### ▶ Honorary Membership Nominee

An honorary membership is an opportunity for our chapter to attract key individuals who are not currently members and who are key leaders in the local transportation industry. This category will recognize a local, high-profile leader (key public administrator, leader involved in high-profile transportation projects, president of a large transportation or engineering firm, or a local “hero” recently profiled in the press for transportation or women’s issues-related efforts).

## Nomination Process

The following submission criteria must be followed:

- ▶ The online google nomination form must be used for each category nomination.
- ▶ Keep the nominations simple and concise.
- ▶ Only a WTS member can be nominated for “Rookie of the Year” and “Member of the Year” awards.
- ▶ Multiple nominations by a single nominator are allowed. However, separate forms need to be filled for each nomination.
- ▶ A nominee can be nominated for more than one award. Although we ask that you find the most suitable category for their contributions.
- ▶ The WTS NC Triangle Chapter reserves the right to award none, part, or all of the annual chapter awards and to decide whether or not to forward applications to the national competition.

Nominations are due by **March 15, 2024**. Winners will be selected and notified by **April 3, 2024**.



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## 2024 Chapter Award Nomination

Award Category (Select One Only):

- ▶ Member of the Year
- ▶ Woman of the Year
- ▶ Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award
- ▶ Innovative Transportation Solution Award
- ▶ Honorable Ray Lahood Award
- ▶ Rookie of the Year
- ▶ Employer of the Year
- ▶ Community Activist/Organizer Award
- ▶ Honorary Membership Nominee

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Using the awards criteria outlined above as headings, please briefly describe the nominee's qualifications and special attributes for the award. Full disclosure of the nominee's qualifications is critical to ensure that persons voting on the awards are well informed. Do not attach resumes.