

Walter T. Watkins Memorial Scholarship

The Walter T. Watkins Memorial Scholarship is an opportunity for employees of Carlyle Place to improve their post educational background. It was created and initially supported by Dr. John P. and Wanda W. Atkinson in memory of Wanda's brother, Walter T. Watkins, present & past residents of Carlyle Place. At this time, the residents of Carlyle Place are offering continued support of this scholarship program. The purpose of this fund is to provide academic, technical, and/or continuing education coursework scholarships annually.

Walter T. Watkins (January 8, 1943 - October 29, 2023) was born in Macon, GA. He graduated from Lanier Senior High School in 1961 and the University of Georgia in 1965. One month after college graduation, he began his lengthy civil service career at Robins Air Force Base. In 1973 he was transferred to Andrews AFB and in 1978 was transferred to Eglin AFB in Florida, where he called home for the next forty years.

In December 2017, Walter returned to Macon and moved into Carlyle Place to be near his only sibling, Wanda, and brother-in-law, who also moved to Carlyle Place in 2020. Not a day passed that he did not express his love for the Carlyle community and how blessed he was to live here. He enjoyed traveling, participating in Carlyle activities, meeting new friends, and rekindling old friendships from his earlier years in Macon. During his last two years, he experienced declining health and was not active. However, he appreciated the loving care that he received in Independent Living as well as in Stafford Suites and Harrington House.

Walter was a faithful member of Christ Episcopal Church. He was also a die-hard University of Georgia football fan. As an avid reader he amazingly could retain much of what he read. He had a lifelong appreciation of the value of education and the pursuit of knowledge and appropriately retired at Eglin AFB as Director of Education and Training.

Truly, Walter would be humbled and delighted to be honored by establishing a scholarship in his memory for Carlyle Place employees whom he appreciated so much.

Scholarship Guidelines for Application

- A. Part Time & Full Time employees, having obtained present employment by Carlyle Place for at least one year, may apply for one of the yearly scholarships and may reapply yearly, provided they have met the necessary requirements for the current year and are in good standing at Carlyle Place.
- B. In order to complete an application, the employee must have worked an average of 16 hours per week over the last year.
- C. Applicants must be at least a high school senior, high school graduate, acquisition of a high school GED certificate or presently attending a college, a university, a community college or technical school.
- D. Applicants may apply for assistance with tuition, course fees and acceptable related costs.
- E. Applicants have completed application to a higher educational institution and have been accepted.
- F. Employees are eligible to apply once per calendar year.
- G. The amount and number of scholarships may vary from year to year. Scholarships will be awarded in the requested sum or for a lesser amount.
- H. Each scholarship must be determined when awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee each year.

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You may also speak with a member of the Carlyle Place Development Committee!