

COMMUNITY BANKERS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA PRESENTS THE



2025 WALRAVEN SCHOLARSHIP

J. STEVEN WALRAVEN

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A SCHOLARSHIP DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY
FOR COMMUNITY BANK EMPLOYEES



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A Scholarship Designed Specifically for Full or Part-Time Community Bank Employees

Community Bankers Association of Georgia (CBA) and the Walraven family announce an annual scholarship through the **J. Steven Walraven Memorial Scholarship Fund** to a full or part-time Georgia community bank employee planning to attend or currently enrolled in a college, university or technical institute within the state of Georgia. The goal of the scholarship is to assist those employees interested in furthering their education while enhancing their career in community banking. To compete, employees must write a short essay on how community banking has impacted their life and how it will enable them to give back to their community.

The scholarship is named after the late **J. Steven Walraven**, a former community bank president who dedicated much of his life to his community and community banking. His wife Rebecca and their sons have developed the scholarship in his memory.

Steve was a graduate of Reinhardt College and University of Wisconsin School of Banking. He began his banking career at the First National Bank of Atlanta. He worked for Gordon County Bank and Bartow County Bank and became president of Peoples Bank in 1981. In 1988, he helped form First Community Bank & Trust, Cartersville, serving as president. In 1999, he was named president of United Bank & Trust in Rockmart.

Steve was a member of the Board of Directors of Community Bankers Association of Georgia and served as Treasurer.



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1. Open to full or part-time employees of Georgia community banks desiring to continue their education at a Georgia college, university or technical institute in the fall quarter or semester of 2025 (scholarship will be awarded to another applicant if program is not started in that quarter/semester). Scholarship winners will be announced in the Spring of 2025.
2. Qualifications:
 - Complete application
 - Prepare essay on how community banking has impacted your life and how it has enabled you to give back to your community
 - Must be an employee of the bank for at least one year
 - Recommendation from the President/CEO of applicant's bank
 - Award based on merit, involvement in the community and need
3. At least one \$500.00 scholarship funded by the **J. Steven Walraven Memorial Scholarship Fund** is awarded.
4. Scholarship remitted to the college, university or technical institute by the Community Bankers Association of Georgia (CBA) to an account in the student's name to be applied toward tuition, books and expenses.
5. All winning or selected applicants from each community bank will be forwarded to the CBA office for review and judging.
6. A Judging Committee of CBA member banks and Associate Member companies will meet and determine the scholarship recipient. A notice of the applicant chosen will be mailed to the sponsoring bank president, who will notify the applicant selected.
7. Any award not utilized may, at the Committee's discretion, be used to increase the number of awards for the next year or the scholarship may be awarded to one of the semifinalists.

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BANK REFERRAL FORM

To: Community Bankers Association of Georgia
Attention: *J. Steven Walraven Memorial Scholarship Fund*

From: Name of Bank _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
President/CEO of Bank _____
Email of President/CEO _____
Scholarship Coordinator _____ Phone _____
Email of Coordinator _____

The applicant's name is _____
The applicant is planning to attend _____
(Indicate University / College / Technical Institute)

The following must be included with this Bank Referral Form:

- Application (1 page)
- Candidate's Activity Record (2 pages)
- Candidate's Essay (500 words or less)

The application has been reviewed, and to the best of my knowledge, provides an accurate description of the applicant.

President/CEO Signature _____ Date _____

Please forward the completed application to the CBA, Attention: *J. Steven Walraven Memorial Scholarship Fund*.

All applications must be received at the CBA office by **April 11, 2025**. The winner will be announced by the end of April 2024.

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2025 APPLICATION

Name of Sponsoring Bank: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle Date of Birth

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Position at bank: _____

Number of years employed at the bank: _____ Number of years in the banking industry: _____

University, College or Technical Institute you are planning to attend: _____

Declared Major: _____

I have read the scholarship guidelines and procedures on the information page of this application and request that I be considered for an award with full understanding of the conditions.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CANDIDATE'S ESSAY

Name: _____

As part of your application response, you are requested to prepare an essay, not to exceed 500 words, on how community banking has impacted your life and how it will enable you to give back to your community. Please type your essay and *attach as a separate document*.

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CANDIDATE'S ACTIVITY RECORD

Name: _____

Community Involvement: Provide the information requested about your involvement within the community, including any leadership positions or awards you have received, within the past year.

1. Name of organization and description: _____

2. Name of organization and description: _____

3. Name of organization and description: _____

4. Name of organization and description: _____

5. Name of organization and description: _____

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CANDIDATE’S ACTIVITY RECORD

Describe the significant contributions you made while serving as leader of one of the organizations listed on the previous page. Place particular emphasis on new activities initiated by you.

Describe two significant contributions you have made to the community.

Please add any additional information we should know about your involvement in the community.
