

## Mattie J. T. Stepanek Caregiving Scholarship



Before his untimely death in 2004, poet and peacemaker Mattie J. T. Stepanek provided inspiration to the J&J/RCI Caregivers Program, serving as honorary co-chair of the Program's Intergenerational Caregiving expert panel. His inspiration lives on through this scholarship.

*"If all generations of people freely and abundantly give care to others and to our world, we will have an eternal source of love and hope that fulfills the needs of all ages."*  
*Mattie J. T. Stepanek, June 2003*

Caregivers are often viewed as expendable resources in systems of care. As a result, many caregivers are overlooked, ill-prepared and will ultimately burn-out. The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving promotes the view that family, professional, and paraprofessional caregivers are the most valuable asset in any system of care, and they should be cultivated, preserved, developed, and valued. We believe that with proper training and support caregivers can provide quality, compassionate care at the same time that they maintain their own health, quality of life and sense of purpose. In essence, we believe that the right kind of training and education are protective factors in the lives of caregivers. The purpose of the Mattie J. T. Stepanek Caregiving Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to family, professional, or paraprofessional caregivers of any age who are seeking training or education in specific skills, procedures and strategies that lead to more effective care at the same time that they serve to protect the health and well-being of the caregiver. **Four \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded.**

Applicants should submit the following by September 15, 2008:

- Scholarship application form.
- If applicable, work history and experience, including most recent performance appraisal or letter of support from direct supervisor.
- Education history, including (if applicable) official grade transcripts.
- A resume that includes community and volunteer service experience.
- A statement describing your plans to pursue a specific course of training or education that reflects the purpose of this scholarship as given above. Include links to Mattie Stepanek's message of hope and the mission of the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving.
- Two or more letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant academically, professionally, or within the community.



**MATTIE J. T. STEPANEK  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Primary Source of Communication)

**Education History:**  
Please give history beginning with current.

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**Work History:**  
Please give history beginning with current.

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**Mail application and materials by **September 15, 2008** to:**  
Laura Bauer Granberry, Director of National Initiatives  
Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving  
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Americus, GA 31709