Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Awards Committee § 30-231.1 et seq., Code of Virginia



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The Honorable Rosalyn R. Dance, Chairwoman, and the Honorable Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr., Vice Chairman, of the *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Committee today announced the availability of applications for the 2011-2012 academic year. The *Brown* Scholarship Program was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2004 to assist persons who were enrolled or eligible to enroll in the public schools of Virginia during Massive Resistance between 1954 and 1964, in localities (Arlington, Charlottesville, Norfolk, Prince Edward County, and Warren County) in which the public schools were closed to avoid desegregation. Although eligible persons may live in any Virginia locality, they must have been students in one of the named school divisions during Massive Resistance, and must be current domiciled residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The scholarship program is available to all eligible Virginians without regard to gender or race. Scholarships may be used to cover the costs of tuition, fees, and textbooks at accredited Virginia public schools and institutions of higher education, and nonprofit career and technical schools, as approved by the Committee. Eligible persons may use the scholarship for:

- Transitional education programs to prepare for success in GED and adult education programs
- GED certificate
- Adult high school diploma
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit
- Career-technical skills training at public two-year colleges or nonprofit career and technical schools
- Two-year or four-year undergraduate degree at accredited Virginia public and private institutions, part-time or fulltime
- Master's, doctoral, and professional degree programs, as approved by the Committee

Application Deadline: March 1, 2011

Application packets and the Committee's Polices may be obtained through the Internet at:

http://dls.state.va.us/brown.htm or

upon request by contacting

Mrs. Brenda H. Edwards Division of Legislative Services General Assembly Building, 2nd Floor 910 Capitol Street Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 786-3591, ext. 232

Application packets are also available at the following locations:

Carl U. Eggleston Company, Inc.

914 South Main Street Farmville, VA 23901

Charlottesville

Charlottesville City Hall 7th and Market Streets Charlottesville, VA 22902

<u>Norfolk</u>

Norfolk City Hall 810 Union Street Norfolk, VA 23501

Prince Edward County

The Farmville Herald 114 North Street Farmville, VA 23901

Richmond City

Richmond City Hall 900 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219 Robert Russa Moton Museum

900 Griffin Boulevard Farmville, VA 23901

Southside Virginia Community College 200 Daniel Road Keysville, VA 23947

Tidewater Community College

The Women's Center, Portsmouth Campus A 156 120 Campus Drive Portsmouth, VA 23701

Warren County

Warren County School Board Office 210 North Commerce Avenue Front Royal, VA 22630

Warren County

Reverend Alfred Woods, Pastor Mount Vernon Baptist Church 240 Church Street Front Royal, VA 22630

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