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Brown v. Board of Education SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, Chairwoman of the *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Committee, today announced the availability of applications for the 2016-2017 academic year, **which will be the last year that the Committee will receive “new” applications. Thereafter, only “renewal” applications will be received by the Committee each year.** The *Brown* Scholarship Program was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2004 to provide educational opportunities for persons who were denied a public education in the localities of Arlington, Charlottesville, Norfolk, Prince Edward County, and Warren County, due to the closing of the public schools to avoid desegregation during Massive Resistance between 1954 and 1964. Eligible persons may live in any Virginia locality; however, they must be current domiciled residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and must have been students in one of the named school divisions during Massive Resistance. 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 schools and two-year and four-year public and private 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 accredited public two-year colleges or nonprofit career and technical schools
- Two-year or four-year undergraduate degree programs at accredited Virginia public and private institutions, part-time or full-time
- Master's, doctoral, and professional degree programs, as approved by the Committee

Deadline for New and Renewal Applications: March 1, 2016

Applications and the Committee's policies may be downloaded at <http://brownscholarship.virginia.gov> and are available upon request by contacting

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Application packets are also available at the following locations. Other sites may be added.

Hampton Roads

Karen Mundon
Tidewater Community College, Portsmouth Campus
120 Campus Drive, A 156
Portsmouth VA 23701

Prince Edward County

Robert Russa Moton Museum
900 Griffin Boulevard
Farmville, VA 23901

Warren County

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

Southside Virginia

Southside Virginia Community College
200 Daniel Road
Keysville, VA 23947

Prince Edward County

The Farmville Herald
114 North Street
Farmville, VA 23901

Prince Edward County

Carl U. Eggleston Funeral Home
914 South Main Street
Farmville, VA 23901

Warren County

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