

***Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee***  
**June 19 and July 15, 2013**

The *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Committee held its first meeting of the 2013 interim in Richmond to reorganize due to the appointment of new legislative members. Senator Henry L. Marsh, III, Vice Chairman, presided and the election of a chairman was deferred until its next meeting.

**Staff Report**

The staff reviewed the history and statutory duties and responsibilities, and policies of the Committee. The need to discuss matters pertaining to certain scholarship recipients and institutions in executive session was noted. State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Assistant Director of Financial, Lee Andes, presented the fiscal report. He commented that 81 individual students, which include several who attended multiple institutions and graduate students, have been awarded scholarships over the Program's past eight years for a total of \$979,758.48. The balance remaining in the Fund is \$1,249,036.39.

**Review of Applications**

Of the 38 applications received for the 2013-2014 academic year, 32 applicants were approved for awards by the Committee. Award letters will be sent to these persons and the approved educational programs in which they are enrolled by the end of July 2013. The remaining applicants were ineligible to receive an award due to failure to meet the scholarship criteria or submission of the application by the March 1 deadline.

**Election of Chairman**

The Committee met again on July 15, 2013, and elected Senator L. Louise Lucas chairwoman of the Committee. Senator Marsh, presiding in her absence, called for the introduction of members and made preliminary remarks concerning the work of the Committee and purpose of the meeting.

**Adoption of Amended Policies**

A proposed amendment to the Committee's policies was adopted to be consistent with state law which provides that when the Brown Scholarship funds are added to other gift aid, the award cannot produce a total of financial assistance that exceeds the annual total costs of tuition, fees, and the book allowance.

**Executive Session**

The Committee voted to go into executive session, as permitted by subdivision 37 of § 2.2-3711, to discuss and consider matters pertaining to the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program excluded from public discussion under this section. Reconvening in open session, the Committee certified that only those matters permitted under subdivision 37 of § 2.2-3711 were discussed by the Committee in executive session.

**Next meeting**

The Committee agreed to meet again in November to plan and discuss the procedures for the 2014-2015 application cycle.

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