



Brown v. Board of Education SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Pursuant to § 30-231.1 et seq., Code of Virginia
Senator L. Louise Lucas, Chair

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The Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program was established in 2004 in accordance with current § 30-231.1 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to provide free education to students who were denied education in the public schools of Virginia between 1954 and 1964 when, in defiance of the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* desegregation ruling, several cities and counties closed their schools.

2016–2017 Scholarships

In the 2016–2017 academic year, the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee (the Committee) awarded scholarships to eight individuals. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia disbursed funds accordingly:

	Undergraduate (3 students)	Graduate (5 students)
Old Dominion University	\$6,923.00	\$19,209.00
Virginia State University		\$936.00
Liberty University		\$861.00
Lynchburg College		\$307.06
Mary Baldwin College	\$9,620.00	
Subtotals	\$16,543.00	\$21,313.06
		Total Awards \$37,856.06

By the end of the 2016–2017 academic year, the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Fund had awarded in total \$1,224,613.65 to 89 individual students over the course of 12 years, with \$1,030,754.71 remaining in the fund's balance.

2017–2018 Scholarships

The Committee met on March 27, 2017, to review applications for scholarship renewal for the 2017–2018 academic year. Due to depletion of scholarship funds and increasing costs of education for enrolled

students, the Committee voted in 2016 to accept only renewal applications and implemented this policy in 2017. The Committee awarded renewal applications to six students for the 2017–2018 year. The scholarship covers full tuition and fees and includes a book allowance of up to \$1,000 per term for undergraduate students and up to \$1,200 per term for graduate students.

Staff Update

In 2017, the Commission's longtime staff member, Brenda Edwards, who had served the Committee since its creation, retired. Ms. Edwards will continue to serve the Committee as a member of its Counseling and Technical Advisory Subcommittee.

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