



# Brown v. Board of Education SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program was established in 2005 in accordance with § 30-231.1 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.

### 2018–2019 Scholarships

In the 2018–2019 academic year, the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee (the Committee) awarded scholarships to five individuals and disbursed funds to four individuals. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) disbursed funds accordingly:

	Undergraduate (3 students)	Graduate (1 student)
Old Dominion University	\$1,372.00	\$4,004.00
Mary Baldwin College	\$6,640.00	
GED	\$736.05	
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>\$8,748.05</b>	<b>\$4,004.00</b>

**Total Awards \$12,752.05**

By the end of the 2018–2019 academic year, the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Fund had awarded in total \$1,263,777.70 to 89 individual students over the course of 14 years, with \$1,005,680.40 remaining in the fund's balance.

### 2019–2020 Scholarships

The Committee met on April 16, 2019, to review applications for scholarship renewal for the 2019–2020 academic year. Two of the five students to whom scholarships were awarded in the 2018–2019 academic year received their bachelor's degrees in 2019 and did not seek scholarship renewal, leaving only three students eligible for scholarships under the Committee's renewal-only policy in place since 2016. In light of the low number of eligible students and the \$1,005,680.40 balance remaining in the scholarship fund,

Committee members voted to reopen the program to new applicants for a limited time ahead of the 2019–2020 school year.

The Committee met again on June 25, 2019, to review five new scholarship applications received during the limited-time reopening. Of the eight total applications received for the 2019–2020 school year, the Committee voted to approve three applications and to provisionally approve five applications pending confirmation of enrollment in an accredited program.

To allow for new students to apply again in the 2020–2021 school year, the Committee voted unanimously to reopen the scholarship program to new applicants in future school years, ending the Committee's renewal-only policy.

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