

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 Awards Committee today announced the availability of applications for the 2009-2010 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 (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 currently 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 *only* of tuition and textbooks, excluding fees and expenses, at accredited Virginia public schools and institutions of higher education, and nonprofit proprietary 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 proprietary schools
- Two-year or four-year undergraduate degree at accredited Virginia public and private institutions, part-time or full-time

Application Deadline: March 1, 2009

Application packets, the Committee Polices, and a FAQ may be obtained through the Internet at:

<http://dls.state.va.us/brown.htm>

or

upon request by contacting

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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

Norfolk

Norfolk City Hall
810 Union Street
Norfolk, VA 23501

Robert Russa Moton Museum

900 Griffin Boulevard
Farmville, Virginia 23901

Southside Virginia Community College

200 Daniel Road
Keysville, Virginia 23947

Tidewater Community College

The Women's Center, Portsmouth Campus
Beazley Building, Room 431
700 College Drive
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Prince Edward County

The Farmville Herald
114 North Street
Farmville, VA 23901

Richmond City

Richmond City Hall
900 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Warren County

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

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