

***Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Awards Committee**

Richmond

October 1, 2007

The *Brown* Committee's Counseling and Technical Advisory Subcommittee met on October 1, 2007, at the Committee's direction to develop an Action Plan to implement the Committee's recommendations that were adopted on July 10, 2007.

Features of the Action Plan proposed by the Subcommittee include:

- amendment of the statute to make explicit the Committee's authority to recover funds that exceed tuition and program costs;
- amendment of the *Policies of the Committee*, immediately, pursuant to § 30-231.8 of the Code of Virginia, to reflect the Committee's authority to recover funds that exceed tuition and program costs, and to incorporate any statutory changes enacted by the 2008 Session;
- amendment of the Fact Sheet to reflect the policy and statutory changes;
- clarification that the General Education Development (GED) program assesses students upon entry for success in the GED program;
- utilization of the GED program as the portal to transition education programs for *Brown* scholars who need compensatory education to be successful in GED preparation and adult basic education programs;
- a requirement that all *Brown* scholars needing a transition education program and, who are referred to local literacy councils for basic skills training, to obtain Literacy Certification before an award can be made for enrollment in other approved education programs;
- develop liaisons with approved education programs and hold regular training sessions for such persons around the Commonwealth;
- develop a FAQ and distribute it to all approved education;
- hold annual information sessions for prospective applicants, award recipients, and other interested persons concerning the requirements of the scholarship program throughout the Commonwealth, concentrating in localities in which the public schools were closed during Massive Resistance; recognize graduates of the scholarship program annually on May 17;
- adhere to the procedures, protocol, and requirements for dual enrollment of college level students currently in effect in Virginia;
- defer the fundraising and public relations campaigns, and continue to use the media mechanisms currently available to publicize the Committee's activities and the application cycle; and
- add additional application distribution sites and maintain the annual application deadline at March 1 each year.

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