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The Honorable Benjamin J. Lambert, III, Chairman of the *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Awards Committee, announced today the first scholarship recipients for the 2005-2006 school year. The members of the Scholarship Awards Committee are Senators Benjamin J. Lambert, III of Richmond and Henry L. Marsh, III of Richmond; Delegates Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr. of Appomattox, Clarke N. Hogan of South Boston, Floyd H. Miles, Sr. of Charles City, Thomas C. Wright, Jr. of Victoria; and nonlegislative citizens Dr. Patricia Johnson Brown of Richmond, Tameka A. Ferrell of Halifax, Andrew I. Heidelberg of Norfolk, Donald E. Martin of Charlottesville, and Phyllistine Ward Mosley of Lynchburg.

2005-2006 Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Recipients

Bailey, Leola W. 80 Watkins Lane Meherrin, VA 23954

Bolding, Shirley H. 337 Stokes Road Farmville, VA 23901

Boothe, Alda D. 558 Goose Creek Road Cullen, VA 23934

Bowen, Mary A. 178 Fairlea Road Rice, VA 23966

Brown, Dorothy Edmonds 10534 Green Bay Road Rice, VA 23966

Brown, Jr., Thaddeus 7812 Belfield Road Richmond, VA 23237

Brown, Shirley E. 191 Mahan Road Farmville, VA 23901 Cabarrus, Jr., Henry W. 4752 East Prince Edward Highway Prospect, VA 23960

Carey, Marie Flora 2260 Abilene Road Keysville, VA 23947

Cox, Mildred B. 1917 Fernbrook Drive Richmond, VA 23224

Dove, Charity Ford 10486 East Prince Edward Highway Prospect, VA 23960

Dove, Sr., Melvin Lewis 10486 East Prince Edward Highway Prospect, VA 23960

Dowdy, Osa S. 53 Landing Road Farmville, VA 23901

Eanes, Sr., Malvin 9799 West Prince Edward Highway Prospect, VA 23960 Eggleston, Carl U. P. O. Box 581 Farmville, VA 23901

Evans, Yvonne H. Route 2, Box 37AA 7230 West Courthouse Road Burkeville, VA 23922

Ford, Nancy N. 140 Rices Depot Road Rice, VA 23966

Griffin, Mignon 1735 Schultz Mill Road Meherrin, VA 23954

Hall, Sr., Crawleigh B. 2363 Tuggle Road Farmville, VA 23901

Harris, Barbara J. 43 Harris Drive Prospect, VA 23968

Hendricks, Estelle Deloris 1201 Andrews Drive Farmville, VA 23901

Hicks, Alfreda S. 205 High Rock Road Rice, VA 23966

Hicks, Eugene 205 High Rock Road Rice, VA 23966

Hicks, Shanon 415 Institute Drive Hampton, VA 23663

Hurt, Ernest 128 Hurt Hill Lane Rice, VA 23966

Jackson, Gladys S. 1939 Cumberland Road Farmville, VA 23901

Jackson, Regina C. 6904 Lightwood Court Chesterfield, VA 23832

Jasper, Frances D. 129 Cedar Point Road Rice, VA 23966 Johnson, Mary L. 711 Crystal Springs Court Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Jones, Frances 110 Mitchell Road Pamplin, VA 23958

Jones, Geneva J. 3775 Peaks Road Prospect, VA 23960

Jordan, James W. 42 Brooklyn Plantation Road Prospect, VA 23960

Lee, Sallie E. 2947 Redd Shop Road Farmville, VA 23901

Lee, Sr., Hilton Howard 1043 Cedar Point Road Rice, VA 23966

Magruder, Roslyn 1057 5th Street S.W. Charlottesville, VA 22902

Moseley, Rita 514 South Virginia Street Farmville, VA 23901

Nance, Patsy E. 9964 East Prince Edward Highway Prospect, VA 23960

Nunnally, Melvin C. 11 Moran Drive Rice, VA 23966

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Reid, Nancy W. 707 Grace Street Farmville, VA 23901

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Spring, Barbara H. 2197 Miller Lake Road Rice, VA 23966

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Thornton, Clarence C. 911 Monroe Church Road Rice, VA 23966 Thornton, Lillian Roxie 1805 Roberts Street Farmville, VA 23901

Tillerson, Phyllis A. 318 Tuggle Road Prospect, VA 23960

Tucker, Carolyn E. 443 Henderson Road Keysville, VA 23947

Tucker, Stella L. 9921 Lumlay Road Richmond, VA 23236

Turner, Joseph 3945 Antioch Road Scottsville, VA 24590

Vaughan, Douglas M. 1149 Plank Road Farmville, VA 23901

Walker, Wilmore R. 3739 Darlington Heights Road Cullen, VA 23934

Wise, Polly 201 South Bridge Street Farmville, VA 23901

Woolridge, Aubrey 140 Dry Bridge Road Farmville, VA 23901

Award letters have been mailed to scholarship recipients by the Committee detailing the amount of the award, eligibility criteria for scholarship renewal, and the approved educational program, local school board, or institution of higher education to which the funds will be dispersed on behalf of the recipient. In addition, the Committee has approved tentatively approximately 30 other applications, pending the applicant satisfying the eligibility criteria for the scholarship under the law.

The 2004 Virginia General Assembly established the scholarship program during the first year of the Commonwealth's two-year long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*. The program is designed to assist current domiciled residents of Virginia, who were enrolled in the public schools of the Commonwealth between 1954 and 1964 during Massive Resistance in localities which closed public schools to avoid desegregation, in obtaining an education. During this era, many African-American and White students moved to other localities in- and out-of-state to try to secure an education, and other school divisions were also impacted by school closings.

Eligible Virginians may attend approved preparation programs for the GED or high school diploma, or enroll part time or full time in accredited public and private two-year and four-year institutions of higher education in Virginia to obtain career or technical education or training, or an undergraduate degree. Scholarships may be used only to cover the costs of tuition.

Persons who were unable to meet the March 1, 2005, deadline for the first cycle of awards may apply no later than **March 1, 2006**, for the 2006-2007 academic year. Application packets will be available upon request **after October 1, 2005**, by contacting Ms. Brenda H. Edwards, Division of Legislative Services, General Assembly Building, 2nd Floor, Richmond, VA 23219, (804) 786-3591.