

Brown v. Board Scholarship Committee Policies

Policies of the Committee

Recommendations for 2027-2028 Scholarships

I. Eligibility for Scholarship.

No changes recommended. This criteria is based on the statute.

II. Award Amounts.

Recommend making updates to the amounts in which funds are disbursed:

B. Descendants are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 per academic year (fall, spring, and summer terms), disbursed in amounts of no more than \$5,000 per semester, which may be applied toward tuition or program costs, fees, and books as provided in § 30-231.3 of the Code of Virginia. Up to \$5,000 may be disbursed in each of the fall and spring semesters, and if any funds remain of the \$10,000 total award, they may be applied to the summer term.

C. Descendants wishing to attend an accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher education outside of the Commonwealth are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 per academic year (fall, spring, and summer terms), disbursed in amounts of no more than \$2,500 per semester, which may be applied toward tuition or program costs, fees, and books as provided in § 30-231.3 of the Code of Virginia. Up to \$2,500 may be disbursed in each of the fall and spring semesters, and if any funds remain of the \$5,000 total award, they may be applied to the summer term.

III. Submission of Applications

Recommend the same application opening date as last year's:

Applications for the 2027-2028 academic year are available online beginning January 15, 2027, on the Committee's website: <http://brownscholarship.virginia.gov>. Applications are distributed free by mail upon request.

Deadlines, as indicated on the application, for submission of applications, acceptance forms, and other documents required by the Committee will not be waived.

IV. How to Apply for a Scholarship or Renewal of Scholarship

No changes recommended.

V. Selection Process and Acceptance

Consider changes to prioritization criteria and cap on number of students:

A. It is the policy of the committee to prioritize applications of directly affected individuals for acceptance into the Program.

In evaluating applications of descendants, the Committee shall prioritize applicants based on degree of relationship to the directly affected individual.

Suggestions include GPA requirements for new applicants and limiting the number of new applicants who are descendants.

Other: Committee Guidelines

Consider creating guidelines for Committee members to reference when deliberating on applicants.

If the Committee wishes to consider capping the number of new applicants accepted each year, consider including the cap as a guideline rather than a policy requirement, allowing the Committee flexibility to exceed the suggested limit when appropriate.