



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
**Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Lee-Jackson Educational Foundation Scholarship Program**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce the Charlottesville Lee-Jackson Educational Foundation Scholarship Program. The objective of the program is to acquaint young people with the historical legacy of two of Virginia's most outstanding military figures, General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

The Foundation awards one \$10,000, eight \$2,000, and nine \$1,000 scholarships to public, private, and home-schooled students throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The scholarships are awarded as follows:

- \$2,000 for the first place essay, and \$1,000 for the second place essay, submitted in each of the state's eight public high school regions.
- \$2,000 for the first place essay, and \$1,000 for the second place essay, submitted by private and/or home-schooled students. Participating private and home-schooled students will be judged together as a ninth region for the purpose of making scholarship awards.
- A bonus award of \$8,000 will go to the single essay that is judged to be the most outstanding in the state. Therefore, the winning essay will be awarded a total of \$10,000, and the winning essay writer will be designated as the 2013 J. Clifford Miller, Jr. Scholar.

The application and reporting forms are located on the Lee-Jackson Educational Foundation Web site at <http://www.lee-jackson.org/>. The deadline for students to submit applications and essays to their high school principals is February 7, 2014. Each high school principal will submit all students' applications and essays to the division superintendent. Each superintendent will select the five best essays and forward the applications, essays, and the completed *Division Superintendent Summary Form* to the designated chair of the regional screening committee listed on page 11 of the application. Winners will be announced May 16, 2014. The VDOE does not administer this scholarship; therefore, no information should be returned to the Department.

Principals of all public and nonpublic high schools are requested to assist in making students aware of this scholarship opportunity.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Stephanie Leech, scholarship program coordinator for the Lee-Jackson Educational Foundation, at [leejacksonfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:leejacksonfoundation@yahoo.com), or the chair of your regional screening committee.

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