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# ECMC Scholars PROGRAM

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## ECMC Foundation Honored by Virginia Board of Education

Virginia's board of education vice president, Susan Genovese, presented ECMC Foundation president, Jennifer Lea Wise, with a Resolution of Appreciation for ECMC Foundation's unwavering commitment to Virginia's public school students through the ECMC Scholars Program. The award was presented in Richmond, Va., April 22, 2004, at the second annual meeting of educators participating in ECMC Scholars Program. Virginia superintendent of public instruction, Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary, thanked ECMC Foundation for its efforts on behalf of Virginia students, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these young people."

ECMC Foundation has pledged \$1.2 million to support underserved high school students in Virginia through this unique scholarship program. Focusing on student potential rather than past performance, educator committees from 10 need-based schools throughout Virginia choose the students they feel would most benefit from additional tutoring and grant incentives.

The participating schools are:

- Brunswick Senior High School, Brunswick County Public Schools
- Buckingham County High School, Buckingham County Public Schools
- Central High School, King and Queen County Public Schools
- Coeburn High School, Wise County Public Schools
- Ervinton High School, Dickenson County Public Schools
- Harrisonburg High School, Harrisonburg City Public Schools
- John F. Kennedy High School, Richmond City Public Schools
- Wakefield High School, Arlington County Public Schools
- William Fleming High School, Roanoke City Public Schools
- Woodrow Wilson High School, Portsmouth City Public Schools

Each year up to 100 students are eligible to earn \$6,000 each in scholarships for their postsecondary education. Fully funded for years one and two, the ECMC Scholars Program is envisioned as a five-year program, providing up to \$3 million in scholarships to Virginia students, contingent on future funding availability.

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