Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee
Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship Report
May 28th,2024

I. Scholarship Recommendations, 2024, for School Committee Vote on May 28th, 2024

Community volunteers Carol Young and Rich Mariani served on the committee again and as the school committee representative, I only reviewed the eligibility criteria of all applicants and prepared anonymized copies of the applications; I did not participate in the deliberation. Ms. Young and Mr. Mariani were familiar with the scholarship application process from prior years.

The following recommendations are the result of their deliberations, based on review of all applications using a rubric focused on two core criteria specified by Moses Reed Tyler: (1) financial need and (2) "being earnest and industrious" (character).

b. Application Statistics

This year the deadline to submit applications was May 6th.

- 15 applications were received, compared to 9 in 2022.
- 40 % of the applicants (6) are new, graduating from high school this June.
- 40% of the applicants (6) are prior scholarship recipients.
- 20% of the applicants (3) are new recipients, already enrolled in college.
- 73% were female (11); 27% (4) were male .
- 9 of the applicants are already in college.
- No applications were received from current seniors at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High school.

c. Awards Process

Communication received from the Bowditch and Dewey Trust Officer indicated that **$20,839.92** for scholarship distributions this year.

. The subcommittee assigned applications into three categories, or tiers, based on an evaluation rubric and each eligible applicant's response to application questions, then determined the amount to be awarded to each tier, according to available funds.

. All copies of applications and notes have been collected and shredded.

. Once approved, recipients will receive a letter of award, or for current seniors will receive an award in their diplomas at graduation and funds will be sent to the school indicated on their applications for the Fall semester, 2024. All award recipients will be made public in June 2024.

d. Recommended Awards

The subcommittee **recommends awarding $20,839.92 to 15 eligible applicants**:

- Ten Tier 1 awards of $1,500 each
- Five Tier 2 awards of $1, 167.00 each