

ESTATE OF JOHN MCKEE, DECEASED

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MASTER, ADOPTED BY
THE HONORABLE ROBERT V. BOLGER, AUDITING JUDGE,
IN HIS ADJUDICATION DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1952
SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE COURT EN BANC
AND BY THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the fund presently before the Court and available for distribution, both principal and accumulated income, be awarded to be retained by the present Trustee in further trust, to be known henceforth as the "John McKee Scholarship Fund".

2. It is recommended that future net income from the fund be used to supply scholarship aid to poor colored and white orphan (fatherless) boys, in equal numbers as nearly as possible, preference being given to those born in Philadelphia and to those who seek naval education and training.

3. It is recommended that a committee be appointed by the Court, to be known as the "John McKee Scholarship Committee", its functions being to receive applications for scholarship aid, the screening and grading of applicants on the basis of scholastic and other necessary qualifications, deciding how many scholarships should be awarded periodically based on the amount of income available for the purpose, deciding by competitive examination or otherwise which applicants should receive scholarship aid, the amount and kind of such aid, the institutions they should attend, and such other matters as may be incident to a proper administration of the fund.

4. It is recommended that the Scholarship Committee be composed of not less than five and not more than ten members; that at least a majority of the members be chosen by virtue of the public offices they occupy rather than because of personal qualifications; that the Committee be inter-racial at all times, having a fair representation of both colored and white members; that the Trustee of the John McKee Scholarship Fund (or his nominee if he should not care to serve) be a member of the Committee at all times; that the President Judge or an Associate Judge of the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia be a member of the Committee at all times; and that the other members of the Committee be persons who are well known in the field of higher education and who are qualified by experience and training to pass upon applications for scholarship aid, particularly with regard to naval education and training.

5. It is further recommended that the aforesaid Scholarship Committee, when appointed, be permitted to promulgate its own rules and regulations, with authority to amend and change them from time to time as circumstances warrant, and that such rules and regulations, or any amendments thereto, be submitted to the Court for its approval before they are finally adopted. Also, it is recommended that the Committee be required to make periodic reports to the Court concerning the administration of the fund.

6. It is further recommended that all funds, both principal and income, be at all times kept in the possession or under the control of the Trustee, and that he be authorized to disburse net income only upon directions from the Scholarship Committee acting under its power to appoint for scholarship purposes.