

Scholarship aid

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Dear Mr. Banks: The Fellowship Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund has been considering for some time a plan which would enable outstanding seniors in some of the Negro colleges to continue their education without interruption. We have decided to carry on an experiment in scholarship aid with a limited number of institutions, and I am enclosing a memorandum which describes what we have in mind. This type of award is by no means a permanent part of the Fund's program, and whether or not it will be continued depends on our ability to find some device for selecting exceptional persons at this early stage of their careers.

We should like to have you appoint someone at your college to be responsible for this experiment. He would, of course, be at liberty to use a committee, or to handle the selection strictly through informal consultation. If you are willing to have this plan tried at Prairie View this year, we shall be glad to include your institution in our list.

We believe that the success of the method we are trying will depend on the wise attention that some one individual is willing to give at each college. Will you please let us know whom you appoint?

Very truly yours,

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