

To: Committee on Fellowships

From: HR

Date: March 13, 1948

Subject: 1948 fellowships

1. Number of Applications for fellowships received since 1940:

1940	-	617	
1941	-	556	
1942	-	427	
1943	-	248	
1944	-	205	
1945	-	261	
1946	-	291	
1947	-	363	
1948	-	480	(376 Negroes, 104 Whites)

236 applications were given a full digest and sent to the members of the Committee. 110 applicants in the fields of singing, photography, piano, drama, creative writing, composition, fine arts were not sent to the Committee this year, but will be brought forward when the several juries have sent in their reports.

2. Members of the juries for 1948 are:

ART

Mrs. Katherine Kuh, Art Institute, Chicago
Max Kahn, free lance artist and teacher
Jacob Lawrence

LITERARY

Arna Bontemps
Bucklin Moon
James Grey, book reviewer for Chicago Daily News

MUSIC

William Grant Still
Bernard Taylor, Juilliard School of Music
Alton Jones, Juilliard School of Music

PHOTOGRAPHY

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3. In making the final awards it may be of interest to have a table of previous fellowship awards by fields. (This table includes not only fellowships awarded by the Committee since 1937 but also all persons receiving \$800 or over in the early fellowship program and in rural education and Negro health.)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Negro</u>	<u>White</u>
Education	95	58	37
Sociology	77	39	38
Medicine and Public Health	61	61	--
History	45	18	27
Language and Literature	43	31	12
Fine Arts	43	26	17
Creative writing	40	18	22
Agriculture	38	38	--
Music	37	37	--
Economics	28	17	11
Political Science	27	10	17
Library Science	26	25	1
Home Economics	25	25	--
Chemistry	18	18	--
Social Work	17	17	--
Biology	15	10	5
Religion	14	5	9
Mathematics	13	12	1
Anthropology	12	8	4
Journalism	11	2	9
Industrial Arts	9	9	--
Labor	7	5	2
Law	7	6	1
Physics	7	7	--
Psychology	7	6	1
Nursing	6	6	--
Philosophy	6	4	2
Drama	4	4	--
Race Relations	2	--	2
Dentistry	1	1	--
	<u>741</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>218</u>

4. Awards made in 1947

NEGROES

	Number	Total Amount
New awards	25	\$44,500
Renewals	4	6,600
Extensions	3	2,200
Extensions made by officers since last meeting	5	2,090
TOTAL		<u>\$55,390</u>

Average grant \$1,830

WHITE SOUTHERNERS

New awards	18	\$35,900
Extensions	3	2,175
TOTAL		<u>\$38,075</u>

Average grant \$1,995



TO: Fellowship Committee
FROM: D. A. Elvidge, Comptroller
DATE: March 10, 1948
SUBJECT: Fellowship Funds

The following funds are available to the Fellowship Committee for allocation:

Appropriation approved by Trustees in May 1947	\$ 75,000.00
Plus: Balance available from 1946 appropriation	22,344.93
Unused balance of \$6,000 set aside for extensions	<u>2,910.00</u>
Funds available to Committee for Grants	<u>\$100,254.93</u>

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fund held March 4, 1948, \$10,000 was voted to Provident Medical Associates for awards to Negroes in medicine and related fields. At the time this appropriation was approved, the Executive Committee expressed the hope that an equal amount of the free funds for the awarding of fellowships could be allowed to lapse.

There are three possible lapses of earlier grants which may increase the free funds shown above:

- 1) Pearl L. Byrd Larsen was awarded \$1,800 in 1945. She used \$700 for study at Columbia University during the summer of 1946. There remains a balance of \$1,100. We have written to Mrs. Larsen, who lives in the Virgin Islands, asking her what plans she has for use of the balance.
- 2) Lloyd P. Williams has never taken up a grant of \$1,800 awarded in 1947. We wrote to him on March 5 saying that his grant would lapse if we did not hear from him by the middle of the month.
- 3) Mark Hanna Watkins is credited with \$1,000 from an early award which may be allowed to revert.

This year, because of the imminence of the Fund's closing, it seems especially important that applications should be checked carefully to see that:

- 1) a specific time period is planned for use of the fellowship funds.
- 2) if employed, applicant should have arranged for leave of absence for above specific dates.