

MARK ANTHONY THOMAS, M.D. (36 years old)

GENERAL PRACTICE (\$150 per month)  
154 ASHBY STREET, S.W., ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Negro Special Field - Tuberculosis  
Specialist

Any reputable clinic or  
clinics. 4 months. No  
degree.

Digest of Application

Born 1901. Married, 1 child

AB from Atlanta University 1919-23. M. D. from Meharry Med-  
ical College 1923-27. Interne Certificate, George Hubbard Hospital 1927-28.  
Interne Certificate, State Tuberculosis Sanitarium, 1932-34. Staff Physician,  
Atlanta Tuberculosis Association 1934-37 (medal of Merit). Visiting Physi-  
cian to Negro Division, State Tuberculosis Sanitarium, 1934-37.

Rosenwald Fund stipend at the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium 1st year \$25  
per month, 2nd year, \$50 per month.

Medical articles.

Seeks further training to become Staff Physician, Atlanta  
Tuberculosis Association.

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$	_____
From applicant		_____
From Fund	\$	=====
Granted	\$	_____

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I rate him (partly because he wants just a brief observational tour)*

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STATEMENT OF PLAN OF WORK

M. A. THOMAS, M.D.

I believe that a brief study of the latest methods used in diagnosing and treating diseases of the chest would be beneficial in rounding out my professional training. I have in mind an observation course, which includes, pneumothorax work, bronchography, bronchoscopy, surgery of the thorax and possibly some heart work, which is closely associated with lungs and pleura.

I would like to spend some time in observation of public health methods used in respect to the preventive aspects of tuberculosis also the epidemiology. In addition, to observe a successful group-practice plan in operation, for the distribution of medical care and costs. I believe this would be of great assistance in helping me working out my plans for the future, as well as to be of service in a professional way to my group of people.

I have not made any recent direct application to any one to allow me the privilege of making this observation but as indicated in the application form, was not able to respond to an invitation to observe at Phipps or at Yorkville-Belleview Center because of finances, during 1934. I should be willing to attend any recognized clinic or clinics available. I think well of those located in Chicago.

In the event of receiving the aid asked namely support for the duration spent in training, which at the monthly rate mentioned on this form (\$1500 for a full year's work) would enable me to support my family and obligations while in attendance. Four months would be a sufficient period.

At present I am on the Civil Service Commission's eligible list qualified as a specialist in Tuberculosis. Also I have had a recent conference with



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Dr. Mallowney at Meharry Medical College, about taking a position there on his staff. Nothing definite has been decided. Too, there is the possibility of remaining in general practice in Atlanta, as at present, working on the staff of the Atlanta Tuberculosis Association.

I am interested in making my career in the South, where I was born and reared and in working out the chronic chest disease problems prevalent among my group. Whether in Atlanta, Nashville or elsewhere these problems are essentially the same.

Being engaged in general practice I am hopeful of putting into operation, a group plan for the financing medical care in low salaried groups and the more adequate financing of doctors. While at Nashville I observed the possibilities of developing Hubbard Hospital, not only as a research center among Negroes for the treatment and prevention of diseases but of working out the group-payment plan for supporting the institution.

If this plan succeeded in Nashville, later it could be tried at Atlanta or other strategical locations, for the purpose of developing their Negro local medical resources. At present Atlanta does not have the hospital.

Please be assured that even though my post scholarship plans are at present very uncertain that I am willing to put my heart, strength and experience into action. I am willing to place myself under a sort of sponsorship by the Rosenwald Fund, if it might see fit, as for future guidance and direction.

In my present position it is difficult to see the most necessary and serviceable of the three possibilities mentioned above.

