

1945

Name **Kenneth Lee Spencer**

Negro
White Southerner

Position **Concert singer**

Special Field **Music - Voice**
Group

College **Eastman School of Music, B.M.; study with private teachers.**

University

Plan of Work:

no

To study voice and languages and have coaching lessons to prepare for concert work.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$2500

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409 Edgecombe Ave.
New York 32, N.Y.

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KENNETH LEE SPENCER

Understudy to Paul Robeson in "John Henry"

Music (Voice)

I can't get anything to take hold
of here.

At most we aimed to help
a performer - not a creator
in music

I see no reason to send him
to music jury.

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KENNETH LEE SPENCER

Concert singer
New York, New York

Music

This man has top references
and an experience already behind
him that makes him a sure bet.
I wish he had had more
general education. He'd have
to be a Paul Robeson (however good
his voice) for lack of Robeson's
background.
He's asking for a lot of money: \$3,000

Times for lack of background
and size of his asking.

Name Kenneth Lee Spencer

Field: Music

Concert singer, under contract with Colston Leigh Lecture & Concert Bureau
409 Edgecombe Avenue, New York 32, New York

Plan of Work

To study voice and languages and have coaching lessons to prepare myself adequately for concert work and the career Mr. Leigh, my manager, is planning and hoping I can fulfill.

Requests grant for one year beginning May, 1945.

Personal Data

Born Los Angeles, California, April, 1911.
Married, one partial dependent.

Age: 34
Draft Status: 4F

Undergraduate Work

Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, B.M.,
Performers' Certificate.

Graduate Work

Special Study: Private teachers in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York.

Experience

See Committee Folder.

Accomplishments

See Committee Folder.

Three-fourths scholarship at Eastman School of Music for four years.

References

Howard Hanson, Eastman School of Music, Rochester
William Grant Still, Los Angeles
Lawrence Tibbett, Wilton, Connecticut
Emilio de Gogorza, New York City

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$6,77
From Applicant	3,77
From Fund	\$3,00

AMOUNT GRANTED

Sent to Committee

