

November 8, 1932

My dear Miss Burwell: When your letter arrived containing the budget necessary to enable you to study at the University of Chicago, I took the matter up with Dr. Willier at the University. As much as he regretted to do so, he was compelled to advise that there are no funds at the University to supplement the grant of \$1,000 given you by the Fellowship Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. I do not know what else can be done to help you. Dr. Willier is extremely sorry that you will not be able to study with him.

Very truly yours,

GRA:VH

Miss Lillian Burwell
Tillotson College
Austin, Texas

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Mr. George R. Arthur
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Arthur:

Enclosed you will find the budget requested in your recent communication. I shall write Dr. Waller as you suggested. Permit me to thank you very much for your interest in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Lillian S. Burwell

Budget

Railroad fare - round trip.	\$ 110 ⁰⁰
Tuition	300 ⁰⁰
Board @ \$25 ⁰⁰ per month for 12 months	300 ⁰⁰
Room " 18 ⁰⁰ " " " " "	216 ⁰⁰
Books	45 ⁰⁰
Materials	40 ⁰⁰
Insurance	133 ⁰⁰
Annuitiy fund	68 ²⁰
Miscellaneous - clothing, toiletries etc.	150 ⁰⁰
	<u>\$ 1362¹⁵⁰</u>
Parents - \$45 ⁰⁰ per month, 12 mos. (minimum)	540 ⁰⁰
Total	<u>\$ 1902¹⁵⁰</u>

Lillian L. Burwell

SCHOLARSHIP

October 24, 1932

My dear Miss Burwell: We are indeed sorry to receive your letter of October nineteenth. Without any hope of being able to add to the \$1,000 grant we are writing to ask just what you would need to carry you through your year's work at the University of Chicago; making it possible for your family to continue in about the same manner in which they are now living. When I receive your budget I am going to send it to Professor Willier with the hope that there might be some funds at the University. Of course, I do not know what his answer will be. If you care to do so, you might supplement my letter to Professor Willier with a statement similar to the one contained in your last letter.

Professor Willier thinks a great deal of your ability and even called us up to say that he had kept your place open for the experiments and hopes that you will be able to study at the University this year. I would suggest that you get your budget to us as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

GRA:VH

Miss Lillian Burwell
Tillotson College
Austin, Texas

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Burwell, Illinois

Mr. Geo. R. Arthur,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Arthur:

Ever since I received your first communication informing me of the Rosenwald award I have been trying to figure out a way to accept the fellowship. Even since your last letter came I have hesitated to answer it, hoping that somehow, somehow a way might be opened for me to take advantage of this opportunity which I fear may never come my way again should I refuse it now. In spite of the delay I have been unable to discover any resources at my command to supplement the \$1000⁰⁰ which is insufficient to carry me through twelve months, for when I come out of school at the end of ten months I shall have nothing to live upon until school work begins nor anyone upon whom I could fall back for maintenance. The past year I was unable to save anything because I had to pay off debts incurred while working for my M.S. In addition to that my mother was stricken with paralysis and is now an invalid. My father is too old to support her and take care of her needs properly. In rearing the thirteen children my parents were unable to save

very much for a time of need like this and I am the only one of the children without a family and able to contribute materially to their needs. If I should stop work they would be reduced to absolute want and so I must continue to make my monthly contribution.

I have taken time to explain conditions in detail so that you would see that my delay was not due to indifference, but to the fact that I was trying to see a way to make use of the award. I fear that I am pushing this opportunity away from me forever, but under the circumstances it can't be helped.

I wish to extend my heartiest thanks to all concerned in making the fellowship possible and express deepest regrets that advantage cannot be taken of the grant.

Yours very truly,

Lillian L. Burwell



SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

900 South Homan Avenue

Date Nov. 16, 1931

PERSONAL HISTORY

Name in full Lillian Leondra Burwell
 Present address Lilliston College - Austin, Texas
 Permanent address 1718 You St. N.W. - Washington, D.C.
 Place of birth Meridian, Miss. Date of birth Aug. 13, 1899
 Single, married, widowed, divorced Single
 Name and address of wife or husband _____
 Number of children _____ Age and sex _____
 Dependents 1 To what extent Aid in college at Howard Univ. Relation Sister
 Father's name John P. Burwell Address R. 5, Box 78 Meridian, Miss. Occupation Farmer

HEALTH OF APPLICANT

Weight 130 lbs Height 5 6 Previous illnesses Diseases of childhood
 feet inches details and date
during childhood
 Illnesses during past twelve months none
 Physical impairment—degree and how long existing none
 Most recent complete physical examination—when and by whom May 1931 - Physician
in clinic of Univ. of Chicago
 Physician's recommendations good condition
 Have these been acted upon? _____
 General health of family good



EDUCATION

Give a summary of your education in the following form:

	Name of Institution	Period of Study	Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates (give dates)
ACADEMIC:			
High School	Lougabon College	1915-19	Diploma, May, 1919
Normal			
College or University	Howard Univ.	1921-23-	B.S. June, 1923-
Graduate	Univ. of Chicago	Summer 1929, '30, '31, '31	M.S. Aug. 1931
PROFESSIONAL:			
Music			
Art			
Technical			

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Positions held (professional, teaching, scientific, administrative, business):

Name of Institution or Organization	Title of Position	Years of Tenure (give dates)	Under Direction of
S.C. State College	Head of Dept. of Biology	1925-29	S.C. State
Morgan College	Prof. of Biology	1929-31	M.E. Church
Tillotson College	Head of Dept. of Biology	1931-	American Missionary Ass'n

REFERENCES

Submit a list of references from whom further confidential information may be obtained:

Name of Reference	Where and in what way does this person know you?	Address
✓ Dr. E. C. Just	Howard Univ. as a student	Howard Univ. Washington, D.C.
Dean D. C. W. Holmes	" " " " "	" " " " "
✓ Pres. R. S. Wilkinson	S.C. State College - as a teacher	S.C. State College, Orangeburg, S.C.
✓ " J. A. Spencer	Morgan College - " " "	Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.
" Mary E. Branch	Tillotson " " " "	Tillotson " " " " " Austin, Texas
✓ Dr. B. H. Willier	Univ. of Chicago - as a student	Univ. of Chicago, Dept. of Zoology, Chicago, Ill.

Give a list of the scholarships or fellowships you have previously held or now hold:

Four year scholarship in High School for maintaining highest average - departmental scholarship offered in senior year in zoology at Howard - Special grant of \$200⁰⁰ to complete work on M.S. last summer by General Education Board

Present position? Prof. of Zoology at Jellison From Sept. 1931 To May 1932 Salary? \$1250 and maintenance

Do you seek further training for this or another position? This position What and where?

Have you positive assurance of a position after completion of further study? Nothing more than that

If so, what is the position? a Ph.D. in zoology would more than likely command a position

By whom is assurance given?

What course of study do you wish to take? Courses in Zoology

For what degree are you working? Ph. D.

What institution offers best opportunity for this study? University of Chicago

When does the course begin and when does it end? At the beginning of any quarter + degree should be secured in a maximum period of 2 yrs.

Have your credits been accepted without condition? yes

Courses you propose to take:

Major Embryology

Minor Other branches of zoology

What financial assistance can you depend upon from present employer, school, family, or organization?

None

If you are a student and employed outside of school, how many hours per day do you work?

What are they?

Where employed? How much do you earn?

Will this continue? How long?

What is the total amount required for the proposed period of study? About \$1800 per annum for 2 yrs.

How much can you provide? Not any since I've just exhausted all my resources to complete my M.S. degree

In addition to filling out the application blank, we are asking that you write an essay of not more than five hundred words, stating the major problem in your field, as you see it, and your reason for believing that additional training will enable you to help solve that problem, or, at least to make a contribution as a result of a wider experience. (Please use pages 5 and 6 for this essay.)

The particular field in which I am interested is that of Experimental Embryology. There are many and varied problems in this field to be solved and one could devote his lifetime to the study and yet leave much to be done. While the experiments are carried out upon lower animals the particular interest centers upon the bearing of the results upon human beings.

The human body is a marvellous mechanism. The machinery is so intricate that after all these years of study, there is much about it which is still an unknown quantity. The answer to a considerable amount of that which is unknown lies in the study of the origin and development of parts. This is accomplished only by much painstaking, laborious, experimentation. The results thus obtained in the laboratory of the zoologist may oft times be made use of in the field of medicine.

In the work which I did upon my M. S. degree, I made an interesting discovery concerning the development of the sex organs. At the time of the discovery Dr. Wilbur under whom I was working expressed the wish that

I follow up this discovery by the experimental method in work for a doctorate if I found it possible. A fellowship such as I am applying for will make this possible. Since the problem of self has such a great bearing upon the development of the individual in many ways, there is no telling what contribution may be made along this line by continued work. In my work for the Ph.D. degree I hope to make some definite contribution along this line and as a result of the experience, fit myself for continued independent investigation.

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND
900 South Homan Avenue
Chicago.

CONFIDENTIAL

YEAR 1932 1933

Name Lillian Burwell
Address University of Chicago
Present Address Tillotson College, Austin, Texas
Occupation Professor of Biology
Plan. Work toward Ph. D. in Zoology

Comments Has great technical skill and enough originality for development of her research problem.

Applicant's References Dr. B. H. Williar, University of Chicago
Dr. E. E. Just, Howard University

Other References _____

Action of Standing Committee April 2, 1932 - \$1,000



Tillotson College

FOR WOMEN

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

Austin, Texas

May 17, 1932

Mr. George R. Arthur
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Arthur:

Failure to communicate with you does not mean lack of appreciation of the award at all. The fact of the matter is that I have been trying to adjust matters so that I may receive the most benefit from the fellowship.

Since it was through Dr. Just that I obtained the grant, I immediately wrote him of the difficulties involved and asked for advice. Because he is abroad I am delayed in my reply to you. At present I am working on the problem of additional finance and by the time Dr. Just's reply arrives, I should be able to see my way clearly one way or another. If it is possible to grant me the additional time necessary to receive the letter, I shall be very grateful. If you must have an immediate reply I can present to you the major difficulty which may be adjusted.

yours very truly,

Lillian D. Burwell

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April 20, 1932

My dear Miss Burwell: The enclosed letter from Edwin R. Embree, President of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, indicates that the Fellowship Award Committee has granted you \$1,000 to help you pursue your studies in Embryology at the University of Chicago for one year beginning in October 1932. The Committee is well aware that the amount granted will not completely cover all of your expenses at the University and it is their hope that you will be able to supplement this amount from your own savings or secure from other sources enough to carry you through the year. This grant does not carry with it any commitment for a renewal at the end of the first year.

If you are able to accept this offer, please advise us as to the amount of money to be received from us each month. We can either remit at the rate of \$100 a month for the ten months of the academic year or \$83.33 for the twelve months of the full calendar year.

Very truly yours,

GRA:VH

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Tillotson College
Austin, Texas

GEORGE R. ARTHUR

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April 20, 1932

My dear Miss Burwell: I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Committee on Fellowships of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, you were awarded a grant of \$1,000 to study Zoology during the year 1932-1933.

It is our understanding that you plan to study at the University of Chicago.

Further correspondence concerning your work, the procedure in payments on the fellowship, and other details should be carried on with Mr. George R. Arthur of this office.

The Trustees and Officers of the Fund take much satisfaction in being able to cooperate with you in your plans for further study.

Very truly yours,

Erwin R. Ewing

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Miss Lillian Burwell
Tillotson College
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