

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

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Application and accompanying documents should be filed as early as possible for the convenience of the Committee on Fellowships, preferably during the early autumn. No application can be considered by the Committee unless the completely filled-out blank and all of the materials requested reach the Director for Fellowships by January 1, 1948.

Negro

White Southerner

Name in full... William Edward Highsmith

Present address... Box 8576 University Station Baton Rouge Louisiana
City State

Permanent address... Broken Bow Oklahoma
City State

Present position (be specific) Graduate Assistant, Department of History, Louisiana State U.

Institution or organization Louisiana State Univ. Annual salary \$700

Address Baton Rouge Louisiana
City State

Specific Field... Southern history and sociology

Concise statement of plan of work... I plan to make a study of social and economic conditions in Louisiana during the Reconstruction period.

Dates of period for which grant is desired... January 1 to December 31, 1949

What is your estimate of the total duration of the proposed project? ... eighteen months

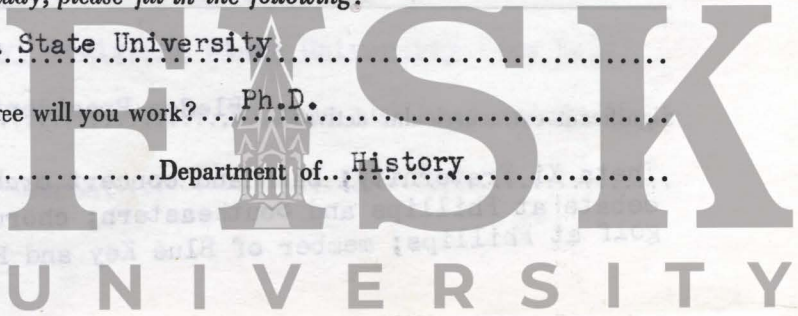
Will you return to your present position? ... No ... If not, for what position do you seek further training? ... College teaching in Southern history

If you contemplate graduate study, please fill in the following:

What institution do you wish to attend? ... Louisiana State University

Have you been admitted? ... Yes ... For what degree will you work? ... Ph.D.

Under whose supervision? ... Dr. T. Harry Williams ... Department of History



Personal History

Place of birth..... Eastland, Texas Date of birth..... March 21, 1920

Single, married, widowed, divorced..... Single

Name and address of wife or husband.....

Occupation and salary of wife or husband.....

Number and ages of children.....

Dependents. None To what extent? Relationship.....

Have you any constitutional disorder or physical disability?..... Detached retina, right eye.

(The Committee on Fellowships reserves the right to require a full physical examination.)

Draft status... Veteran

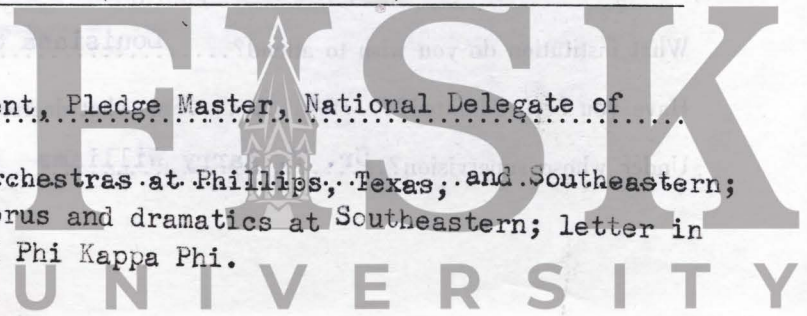
Education

One official transcript of your college and university records together with five copies must be submitted with your application. (Copies may be typed by the applicant.)

| | Name of Institution | Period of Study (Give dates) | Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates (Give dates) |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Undergraduate | Phillips University Enid, Oklahoma | 1936-1937 | None |
| | University of Texas Austin, Texas | 1937-1940 | None |
| Graduate | Southeastern State College Durant, Oklahoma | 1941-1942 | B.A. 1942 |
| | Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, Louisiana | 1946-1947 | M.A. 1947 |
| Professional or technical | | | |
| Special study | | | |

Significant extracurricular activities... Pledge President, Pledge Master, National Delegate of

Theta Xi Fraternity; Band and concert orchestras at Phillips, Texas; and Southeastern; debate at Phillips and Southeastern; chorus and dramatics at Southeastern; letter in golf at Phillips; member of Blue Key and Phi Kappa Phi.



Experience

Give record chronologically.

| Institution or Organization | Address | Position | Inclusive Dates | Annual Salary |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| U.S. Army Air Force..... | | Corporal..... | 1942-1946..... | \$792.... |
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Accomplishments

1. Of what learned, scientific, or artistic societies are you a member?.....

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2. What research or creative work have you done? (If in business or a profession, give evidence of standing and achievements.)

..... M.A. thesis: Social and Economic Conditions in Rapides Parish During Reconstruction.

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3. Publications (Books and articles. Give title, date, and publisher.) "Some Aspects of Reconstruction.....

in the Heart of Louisiana" Journal of Southern History, November, 1947......

"Plantation Rules and Regulations of William J. Minor"..... accepted but not yet published by Louisiana Historical Quarterly.

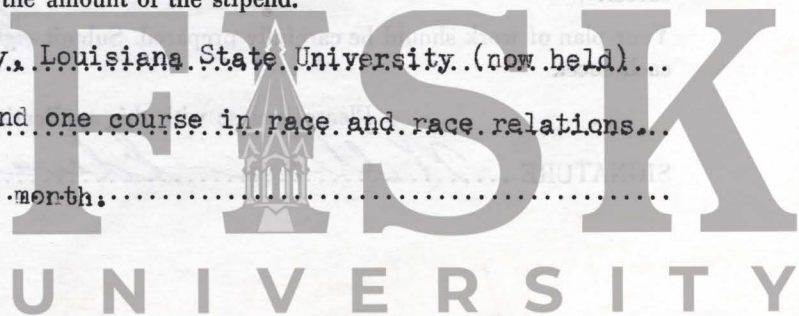
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4. List scholarships or fellowships you have previously held or now hold, stating in each case the place and period of tenure, the studies pursued during your incumbency, and the amount of the stipend.

Teaching fellowship, Department of History, Louisiana State University (now held)...

Studies: One course in Colonial history and one course in race and race relations...

The stipend of this fellowship is \$70 per month......



Budget Estimate

Room and board..... \$ 1,000
 Clothing 150
 Insurance 80
 Tuition 0
 Transportation 650
 Miscellaneous 200
 \$

(Are you eligible for GI Bill benefits?)
 Yes. No.....

Total amount needed \$ 2,080
 Amount applicant can provide \$ 780
 Amount requested from Fund \$ 1,300

If you have applied or expect to apply elsewhere for any fellowship for the same period (which is, of course, permissible), state the facts regarding such application.

..... None applied for.

References

List references, preferably five, from whom confidential information may be obtained concerning your professional qualifications and from whom expert opinion may be obtained as to the value and practicability of your proposed plan of work.

| Name of Reference | Position | Address |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------|
| Dr. Bell I. Wiley | Head, Dep't of History Louisiana State U. | Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Dr. Homer L. Hitt | Head, Dep't of Sociology Louisiana State U. | Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Dr. Charles E. Smith | Professor of History Louisiana State U. | Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Dr. T. Harry Williams | Associate Professor of History Louisiana State U. | Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| Dr. Edwin A. Davis | Associate Professor of History Louisiana State U. | Baton Rouge, Louisiana |

Statement of Plan of Work

Submit a statement giving detailed plans for your work during the tenure of your fellowship. This statement should include: (1) a full description of the project, including its character, scope, and significance; (2) the present state of the project (time of commencement, progress to date, etc.) and expectation as to completion; (3) the proposed university, institution of similar grade, or other place where work would be carried on, and the authorities with whom it would be done; (4) your expectation as to publication or use of the results of your study; (5) subsequent plans for your career.

Your plan of work should be carefully prepared. Submit ^{ten} ~~eight~~ copies typed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Your name should be on each sheet.

Please enclose with this application six passport-size photographs.

SIGNATURE

William Edward Heglsmith

