

Dr. Beck

Meharry Medical College

JOHN J. MULLOWNEY, M. D., PRESIDENT

Nashville, Tennessee

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 30, 1929.

Mr. S. L. Smith,
Rosenwald Fund,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Confirming my conversation of yesterday relative to our Dr. William Beck, who has had charge of our Chest Clinic, and who we feel and he feels ought to have further special training, it is his desire to get four or six weeks of this special training at the Massachusetts General Hospital under the great Dr. Richard Cabot this summer concentrating particularly on Physical and Differential Diagnosis, and then we hope and trust that next summer again we will be enabled to help him financially to get another six or eight weeks of training at such institutions as the Phipps Institute for the treatment of Tuberculosis, and possibly visit the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Saranac Lake, and other great centers concentrating on the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Roughly I estimate that each period of six or eight weeks of training will cost Dr. Beck not less than \$400 in actual cash, this is not counting, of course, the fact that he must give up his private practice while gone and run a great chance of losing some of his patients, all that aside will cost him approximately \$400. I am appealing for \$400; \$200 of which I hope will come from the Julius Rosenwald Fund, and I am sure that the Davidson County Anti-Tuberculosis Association will be willing for us to allot \$200 out of the \$1,000 appropriated by them for the Chest Clinic of Meharry Medical College; for the Davidson County Anti-Tuberculosis Association has been extremely interested in my efforts to get this special training for Dr. Beck. They consider the work he has done of tremendous importance, and we are all desirous of encouraging him in becoming more efficient as a diagnostician and specialist in Chest Diseases. I, personally, can conceive of no better way in which to help combat the tremendous death rate of Tuberculosis in the colored group of our citizenship than by helping a man like Dr. Beck to become more efficient in the diagnosis of this disease in its incipient stages.

I might say, in closing, that whatever appropriation is made for this purpose, and I might say further, that any appropriation that is made for the help of physicians, who are faculty members of Meharry Medical College and receive their main salary

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through the college, should receive any special aid or appropriation of moneys of this sort entirely through the office of Meharry Medical College, only in this way we can hope to maintain the morale and loyalty of the faculty members of Meharry Medical College. This is consider to be a very very important matter of policy with which I hope the Rosenwald Fund will agree in principle.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Fraternally yours,

John J. Mallowney
President.

*Enc
Dr. Jones*

Hubbard Hospital

1115-17 FIRST AVENUE, S.

Nashville, Tennessee

May 1, 1929

Dr. J. J. Mallowney,
Meharry Medical College,
City

Dear Dr. Mallowney:

In line with our conversation on yesterday I am submitting to you the following facts in regards to my previous training and plans for the future.

I graduated from high school in 1915 and finished a one year pre-medical course. After completing a four years course in Medicine I spent one year as an interne in the George W. Hubbard Hospital. Following one year as a general practitioner and assistant in Medicine at Meharry Medical College, I served as Medical Director of the George W. Hubbard Hospital for a period of two years.

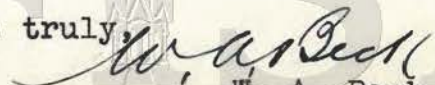
In addition to the above training I took a three months post graduate course in physiology at the University of Chicago. During this time I was permitted to spend one half day each week in Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis Dispensary for a period of three months, having at my disposal from fifty to one hundred patients daily.

Several years ago you established a chest clinic at the Hubbard Hospital and put me in charge. The large amount of clinical material at this clinic has afforded me splendid opportunity for advancement.

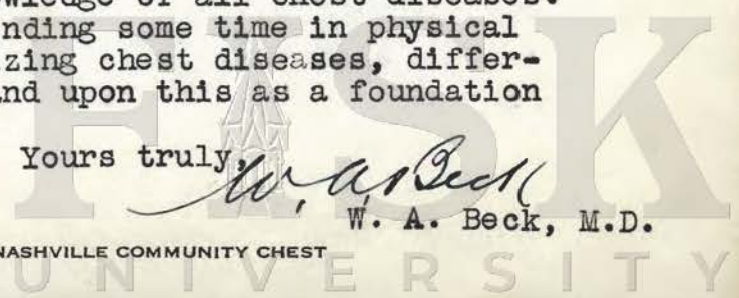
Dr. J.B. Naive, of the Davidson County Tuberculosis Hospital, heard of this effort at the College and permitted me to spend from 1-2 hours per week at the Davidson County Tuberculosis Hospital under his personal direction, for a period of one and half year.

I have definitely decided to stress Internal Medicine and Chest Diseases. Before considering further post graduate work in these subjects I am anxious to spend some time in laying a foundation in physical and differential diagnosis. Since the symptoms of tuberculosis may ape many other chest disease one should have a comprehensive and working knowledge of all chest diseases. For this reason I am desirous of spending some time in physical diagnosis this summer, later emphasizing chest diseases, differential diagnosis of chest diseases and upon this as a foundation build the intricacies of tuberculosis.

Yours truly,



W. A. Beck, M.D.



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April 29, 1929.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re Doctor Beck

I have worked out a tentative statement of policy which I am enclosing for your confidential examination. I would appreciate any criticisms you have to give me concerning this.

Mr. Embree and I have talked this over in a general way and quite agree on the main points. So far as Doctor Beck is concerned, we need not delay action in his case regarding decision on the detailed policy. I don't want ~~you~~ to extend the number of "grants-in-aid" (under which help for Doctor Beck would fall) or of the fellowships until we have experimented with the policy for a while. So far as Doctor Beck is concerned, I feel ready to go ahead. There are two points, however:

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(1) I think we should have on record a letter from Doctor Beck himself stating what he would like and giving a brief outline of his professional training and interests and the reason why this summer course would be of value to him. Also, I should like to have a letter from the Davidson County Anti-Tuberculosis Association, endorsing his application.

(2) We should prefer to make these grants on the basis of an allowance for living expenses, plus an allowance for the travel and tuition. A grant of \$100 towards living expenses and of \$100 towards the travel and tuition would, as I understand it, meet our share. Is this satisfactory?

Sincerely yours,

Michael M. Davis
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Mr. S. L. Smith,
Field Agent,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
Chamber of Commerce Building,
Nashville, Tenn.

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Julius Rosenwald Fund

Southern Office

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

S. L. SMITH,
FIELD AGENT

CLARK FOREMAN,
ASSOCIATE

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April 16, 1929.

Dear Mr. Davis:

You recall my speaking of ~~Dr. William Beck~~ Chest Specialist from Meharry Medical College, who is doing clinical work also for Davidson County Anti-Tuberculosis Association. The Association appropriated a thousand dollars to assist him in the Negro work last year and has included the same amount in the budget for this year.

He is exceedingly anxious to do some special work in physical and differential diagnosis of the chest under Dr. Richard Cabot of Harvard University Medical School for one month this summer. The Association is allowing him two hundred dollars toward the expenses of the summer school, with the hope that he may secure an equal amount from other sources. The rail road fare will be around a hundred dollars and the cost of tuition etc., more than a hundred.

I am not urging that you give this consideration, but if it should fall within the policies of your present plans, I am sure that it would be money well spent to send this exceptional young man away for further study. As he had a very hard struggle to work his way through Meharry Medical College, he has as yet had no time to catch up on his finances. He expects to spend two months the following summer at Phipp's Institute, Philadelphia, specializing in tuberculosis among Negroes.

Sincerely,

S. L. Smith

Mr. Michel Davis,
925, South Homan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill

SLS:DB

P.S. I am happy to tell you that Mrs. Smith is getting along wonderfully well, and the operation seems to be entirely successful. We at least have great hopes. S.L.S.

*filed
R. L. Smith
(referred to
3 subject)*

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4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

The Julius Rosenwald Fund is making a review of the Negro fellowships which it has granted during the past seven years. Since an appraisal of our activity thus far in this field will naturally have some effect on future policy, it is requested that all persons who have received fellowship grants from the Fund cooperate by filling in carefully the brief information asked for on the following blank and returning the information promptly to the Fund.

SCHOLARSHIP

Name William A. Beck

Position at time grant was made Instructor in Medicine and Chest Dis.

Specific purpose of the fellowship study Training in Diseases of the chest

Subject studied under the fellowship (or special work accomplished) Tuberculosis

Institution at which fellowship study was carried on (or, if no specific institution was attended, state nature and place of the work carried out under the grant)
The Henry Phipps Institute, Philadelphia

Present position or occupation Instructor in medicine and Director of Chest Clinic McHarray Med. College

Your opinion of benefits received from the fellowship The training has been very valuable to me in our Chest Division at McHarray and has helped me effect some very helpful changes in the management of Tuberculosis cases in private practice.

William A. Beck

Physician and Surgeon

419 4th Avenue North

Nashville, Tenn.

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Probably the most helpful contribution from the Fellowship has been the institution of collapse therapy by Negro physicians at Nashville, Tennessee. The crowded conditions of our Tuberculosis Hospital necessitated many Negro patients remaining on their waiting list for periods of from three to four months before gaining admission. Many of these patients, during such a long period of waiting, lost an opportunity to get permanent results. During the past year, we have been able to successfully collapse many case of moderate advanced tuberculosis, some of which went to our Tuberculosis Hospital, already well collapsed and thus saved valuable time. In other cases, the collapse therapy was so successful until the patients preferred remaining at home to receive their treatment and thus saved a great expense to the tax-payers of the County.

Already one young physician, who was inspired to do this work while a student at Meharry, is now doing successful collapse therapy for his tuberculosis patients in a nearby city. From the interest manifested by the present students in our corps we believe that in a few years there will be a much greater interest shown in collapse therapy by Negro physicians.

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APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP - SCHOLARSHIP

TO

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

900 South Homan Avenue

Date June 19, 1931

Name in full William Armond Beck

Present Address 419 - 4th Ave. N. Nashville, Tenn.
Number Street City State

Home Address (Permanent) 1400 Hawkins St. Nashville, Tenn.
Number Street City State

Place of birth Gainesville, Ala. Date of birth Dec. 29, 1893 Age 37

Father's name Ike Beck Address deceased Occupation _____

Social Status married Date of marriage 9-28-'25.
Single Married or divorced

Wife-husband's name Reatha S. Beck Age _____
Customary legal signature

Address 1400 Hawkins St. Nashville, Tenn.
Number Street City State

Number of children two Age and sex Female 4 yrs. Male 3 yrs.

Physical condition of family all are good health

Are the above dependent? yes

Health of Applicant

Weight 134 Height 5' 3" Previous illnesses typhoid fever in
feet inches details of type and date

infancy, lobar pneumonia 1906, Amebic dysentery 1917

Illnesses during past twelve months nothing save a cold

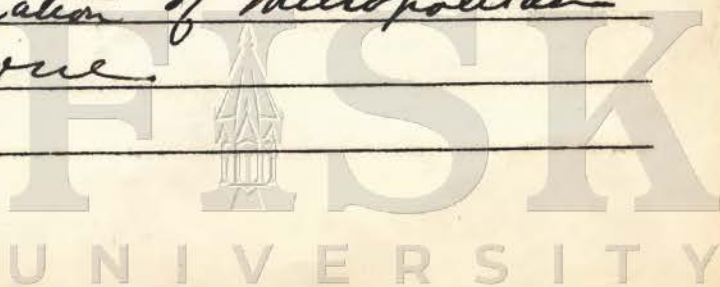
Physical impairment - degree and how long existing none

Most recent complete physical examination - when and by whom May 1931

passed physical examination of Metropolitan
Life Ins. Co.

Physician's recommendations none

Have these been acted upon? _____



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

	Name of Institution	Address	Attendance From	To	Diploma or Degree awarded and date
<u>GENERAL</u>					
Elementary	<u>Public Schools of Louisiana</u>				
High School	<u>Homer College, Homer, La</u>			<u>1915</u>	
Normal School	<u>_____</u>				
College	<u>Homer College, Homer, La premedical work completed in 1917</u>				

PROFESSIONAL

Nurses' Training	<u>_____</u>				
Medical School	<u>McHARRY Medical College</u>			<u>1921</u>	
University or Post graduate	<u>Univ. of Chicago 3 mos. summer 1924</u> <u>Harvard Univ. 1 mo summer 1929</u>				

Note--(Medical graduates will please list internships, residence service or other hospital or professional experience under Positions Held.)

POSITIONS HELD - EXPERIENCE

Name of Institution	Address	Position	Under di- rection of	Date-- From- To-	Annual Salary
<u>Interne</u>	<u>Hubbard Hospital</u>			<u>1921-22.</u>	
<u>Medical Director</u>	<u>Hubbard Hosp.</u>			<u>\$2000⁰⁰ per yr. 1924-25.</u>	
<u>Instructor in medicine,</u>	<u>physical diag.</u>			<u>1925-31</u>	<u>\$100⁰⁰ per mo</u>
<u>Director Chest Clinic</u>				<u>1925-31</u>	<u>200⁰⁰ " "</u>
<u>Davidson Co. St. Hosp.</u>		<u>four hrs per wk for six mos.</u>		<u>1928.</u>	<u>no salary under Dr. J.B. naive</u>

What is your present position? Instructor in medicine and Chest Clinic

How long have you held it? Six years Present salary \$120⁰⁰

Do you seek further training for this position? yes Why? To observe the newer methods in diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis

Do you wish training for another position? no If so, what and why? —

What course of study do you wish to take for this purpose? diseases of the chest.

What degree are you working for? none

What institution offers the best opportunity for this study? The Henry Phipps Institute

If special medical study, under whose supervision? Dr. H. R. M. Landis

Have you assurance this individual or institution will admit you as a student? yes

When does it begin? June 29, 1931 When will it end? Aug. 3, 1931

Have you positive assurance of a position after completion of further study? yes

If so, what is the position? McHenry Medical College

By whom is assurance given? Pres. John J. Mallowrey

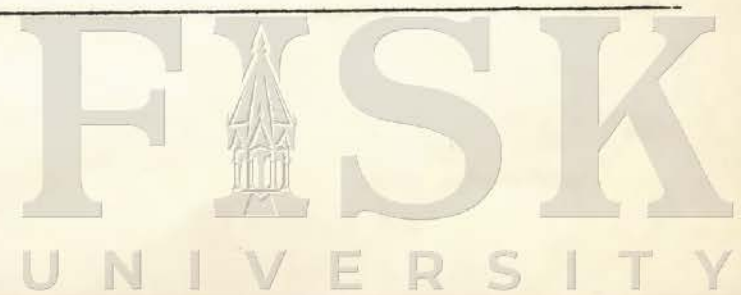
What financial assistance can you depend upon from present employer, school, organization or family? Have been promised \$200⁰⁰ by the Davidson Co. Anti Tuberculosis Association

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 and how long? —



Itemize the expenses for your period of study.

Beginning June 29, 1931 Ending Aug 3, 1931
Room \$ 35⁰⁰ Tuition not yet arranged
Board 50⁰⁰ Extra-curricular fees none
Laundry 8⁰⁰ Books \$ 8⁰⁰
Clothing _____ Transportation 65⁰⁰
Insurance _____ Special equipment 10⁰⁰
Miscellaneous \$150⁰⁰

Is the above figured for semester or quarter? Five weeks

What is the total amount required for the proposed period of study? \$400⁰⁰
estimating Tuition to be \$75-\$100 for the term

How much can you provide? Am only take care of my family and personal obligation

How much do you need from the Julius Rosenwald Fund? \$200⁰⁰

for the period beginning June 29 1931, Ending Aug 3 1931

References -

Name Address In what way and when has this person known you or your work?

Dr. John J. Mallowney, Meharry Med. Col.
Nashville, Tenn., have been associated
at Meharry Med College for ten years.

Dr. J. A. Lester 153 Lafayette St Nashville Tenn,
as teacher and associated in practice
for nearly fourteen years.

MEDICAL RECORD

Name William A. Beck Age 37 M.W.S.D. June 20 Date 1931

Address 1400 Hawkins St

Occupation Physician

Present Status Instructor Meharry Medical College and Practitioner

Past Illness Typhoid Fever, Solar Pneumonia and
resenteria

Family History no no no no
(any history of tuberculosis, insanity, epilepsy or syphilis)

Physical examinations: Excellent.

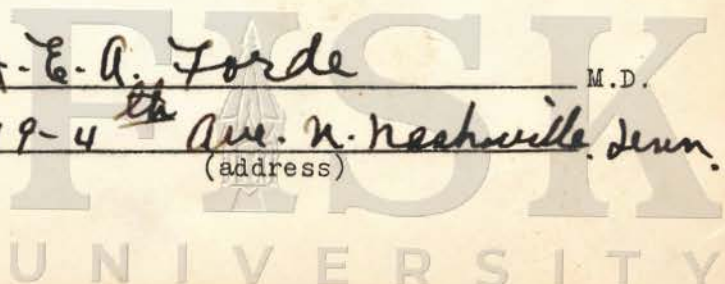
Recommendations for

immediate

future

Prognosis - are there any contra-indications for employment - student life - no.

H. E. A. Forde M.D.
419-4th Ave. N. Nashville, Tenn.
(address)





SCHOLARSHIP

July 1, 1931

Dear Dr. Beck: I take pleasure in notifying you that your request for reinstatement of the grant awarded to you for study last summer has been approved by our Committee on Awards.

As the President of the Fund I have been authorized to grant you \$200.00 for study in diseases of the chest at Henry Phipps Institute during the 1931 summer session. Check for that amount is enclosed.

The trustees and officers of the Fund take much satisfaction in being able to assist you to continue your training.

Very truly yours,

ERE:PM

Dr. William A. Beck

Philadelphia, Pa.

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