

Name Trent, William Johnson, Jr. (1910) Negro White Southerner

Position Adviser on Negro Affairs, Public Works Admin. Washington, D. C. (will not return) Special Field Group Economics and Sociology

College Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., B. A., 1930 (summa cum laude)

University University of Pennsylvania, M. B. A., 1932, 1936-37 University of Chicago, summer session of 1937.

Plan of Work:

To analyze occupational trends among Negroes during past 20 years, and the implications for the Negro in the American economy. To secure socio-economic picture of the male urban white-collar Negro worker. To secure facts on occupational experiences in several strategic centers of Negro population. At University of Pennsylvania under Prof. Ralph Young and Prof. Donald Young. Working toward Ph. D.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,350



Instructor at Livingstone College, 1932-34, at Bennett College, 1934-36; Department of the Interior, February to September, 1936; Bennett College, 1937-38; Adviser on Negro Affairs, Public Works Administration, July, 1938 to time of fellowship.

*Racial Relations Office
Federal Works Agency
Washington, D. C.*

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Adviser on Negro Affairs
Public Works Administration
Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C.

Economics

Good, well qualified candidate
 Just the right age
 good scholastic record
 But none of his references speaks of
 him in really glowing terms

Ira Reid: "The applicant is intellectual and
 social"

Wesley: "a man of high character, industry, and
 loyalty. As a research worker he is interested - his
 work and capable"

Ralph Young: "his record with us has been well
 above the average - a very high type Negro and
 a young man of considerable promise"

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Name William Johnson Trent, Jr.

Field: Economics
*Sec.*Adviser on Negro Affairs
Public Works Administration - Federal Works Agency, Washington, D. C.

Plan of Work

To analyze occupational trends among Negroes during the last twenty years and the implications for the Negro in the American economy. To secure socio-economic picture of the male urban white-collar Negro worker in order to determine his status in relation to the whole community. To secure facts on occupational experiences in several strategic centers of Negro population for the purpose of evaluating racial, educational, and occupational philosophy.

Wishes to work at University of Pennsylvania under Professor Ralph Young and Professor Donald Young, for Ph. D. Nine months beginning September 1940. Has been admitted. Will not return to present position. Wants to teach in college.

Personal Data

Born Asheville, North Carolina, March, 1910.
Married, one child.

Age: 30

Undergraduate Work

Livingstone College, B. A. 1930.

*Postponed until
1941, in order to do study
with Federal Works Agency*

Graduate Work

University of Pennsylvania, M. B. A. 1932; 1936-37.

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University of Chicago, summer 1937.

Experience

Instructor, Livingstone College, 1932-34, \$1200.

Instructor, Bennett College, 1934-36; acting dean, 1937-38, \$2000.

Survey Regional Director, Dept. of Interior, Washington, 1936, \$3000.

Adviser on Negro Affairs, Public Works Administration, since 1938, \$4500.

Accomplishments

General Education Board Fellowship, 1937-38, for one school year at University of Pennsylvania and one summer at University of Chicago, \$1700.

References

Professor Ralph Young, University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Era DeA. Reid, Atlanta University
President David D. Jones, Bennett College
Mr. Edgar F. Puryear, Public Works Administration
Dr. Robert C. Weaver, U. S. Housing Authority

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1300
From Applicant	150
From Fund	\$1350

AMOUNT GRANTED *1350*

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Transcripts Exhibit Material

Sent to Committee

Livingstone College
University of Pennsylvania
University of Chicago

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