

GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD - SOUTHERN PROGRAM  
Fellowships

Purposes. In awarding training fellowships, the Board aims to strengthen selected southern institutions and to aid in the preparation of promising personnel for positions of responsibility and leadership. Choices among candidates are made within the Board's present major areas of interest, namely, fuller development of the economic, and social resources of the South through training in the natural and the social sciences, improvement of library services, advanced training of teachers qualified to supervise important undertakings in elementary, secondary, and higher education, and support of graduate studies having regional significance. In addition, a few awards are made for training of Negro teachers in the fine arts and in vocational pursuits.

Provisions. Fellowships carry stipends ranging between \$100 and \$135 a month for living expenses during the school year, plus a nominal monthly allowance for dependents, if any. Tuition and certain required fees are paid by the Board, but all special fees must be paid by the fellow. An allowance is made for travel to and from the place of study. If the recipient of a fellowship qualifies for aid from his state for out-of-state graduate study, he should apply for such aid, and grants from the state will be taken into account in determining the amount of the Board's fellowship. Fellows are expected to devote full time to their studies and are not permitted to accept remunerative employment during the period of the fellowship.

Principles. Some of the considerations which guide the officers in selecting applicants are:

1. Fellowships are awarded only to persons of marked ability and are not to be regarded as rewards for faithful service.
2. The applicant must be studying in a field of knowledge appropriate to the purpose of the institution, the opportunities for larger service in that field, or the problems of the region served by the institution.
3. It is expected that a candidate before submitting an application will have knowledge of the offerings of graduate schools in his field and assurance that he will be admitted for graduate study by the university of his choice.
4. The applicant must be in good health and preferably from 25 to 35 years of age. He is expected to hold as a minimum the master's degree or its equivalent.

Procedure. Application blanks are sent only after receipt of a letter of recommendation from the president of the institution concerned. In order to determine eligibility, the officers require certain preliminary information. It is suggested that the applicant discuss his plans with his president, and through him submit a brief statement of the proposed program of study or research and the expected opportunity for utilization of his advanced training. Along with this information, the candidate should indicate his highest degree and major subject, age, and present position. Applications for awards beginning between June and September must be received before March 1st; for awards beginning in January or February, before November 1st of the previous year.