

Name William Alexander Attaway
 Creative Writer
 456 West 148th Street, New York City

Field: Creative Writing

Plan of Work

A book (factual novel) on the Pittsburgh industrial area with special attention to the steel mills and the Negroes' place in them from the beginnings of the world war to the great steel strikes of 1919. The library research is already finished, so now I would like to get first hand information in the great steel centers.

Study would require one year.

Personal Data Born in Mississippi, November, 1911. Single

Age: 28

Undergraduate Work University of Illinois, B. A. 1936.

Graduate Work

Experience

Accomplishments

Publications: Let Me Breathe Thunder, a novel published by Doubleday Doran, 1939.
 Stories for the Pittsburgh Courier and Challenge Magazine.

Has also written a play, "Carnival", produced in 1936; a novel, Children of Night, 1934, unpublished.

Wrote for exhibit 3/4

Reviews in folder

References

Miss Charlotte Carr, Hull House
 Mr. A. L. Foster, Chicago Urban League
 Professor Bruce Wierick, University of Illinois
 Mr. John Woodburn, Doubleday Doran
 Mr. Archer Winsten, Critic, New York Post

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1500
From Applicant	0
From Fund	\$1500

AMOUNT GRANTED \$1,200

Plan of Work x Photograph x
 Transcripts Exhibit Material
 University of Illinois

Sent to Committee

3/14

27

1160
\$1,200

1940
28

WILLIAM ALEXANDER ATTAWAY

Creative writer

Creative writing

Very good letters

Can we get someone to give
us objective authorative judgement
as to his work?

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1939

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Name Attaway, William Alexander

(1911)

Negro

White Southerner

Position Writer

Special Field Creative Writing Group

College University of Illinois, B. A., 1936

University

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Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,200



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Carnival, a play produced in 1936
Short stories

Blood on the Forge, August, 1941, Doubleday, Doran and Co., book
written under JRF fellowship.

In Army

New contract for book signed with Harcourt & Brace, September, 1944.

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