

Negro Physicians

Supreme Bench
of
Baltimore City

JOSEPH N. ULMAN
JUDGE

January 15, 1940

Mr. George M. Reynolds, Director of Fellowships,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Mr. Reynolds:-

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A few days ago I had a visit from Dr. F. H. Howard, a young colored physician of this city. I recall ~~no previous con-~~tacts with Dr. Howard; but I have known for some years his wife who is also a physician. I have reason to believe that her work and standing are of the highest; and apparently Dr. Howard is equally qualified both professionally and personally.

Dr. Howard asked me to write to you regarding his application for a fellowship. At my request he wrote me the enclosed letter stating his case in detail.

It is unnecessary, I am sure, for me to say anything to you about the importance of adequate medical training for colored people and the difficulties that stand in the way of their getting it, particularly in this part of the country. I assume that you will be able to inform yourself fully regarding Dr. Howard's professional qualifications from the medical men to whom he has referred. Therefore all I can add is my assurance regarding his attractive personality and my emphasis upon the social need he is attempting to qualify for.

Thanking you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph N. Uelman

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January 10, 1940.

Dear Judge Ulman,

Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you this morning. The letter that I requested would be sent to

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4901 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill.

I have had the following training:-

1. Graduate of New York University.
2. M.D. New York Medical College and Flower Hospital.
3. 18 months rotary internship at Harlem Hospital, N.Y.
4. 1 year as Assistant in Surgery at Provident Hospital in Baltimore.
5. 2 years as Chief Surgical Resident at Provident Hospital in Baltimore.

You probably know how difficult it is for a Negro doctor to make connections in the hospitals and schools. After much writing around I have been granted the permission to complete my training at Howard University and Freedmen's Hospital as a Fellow, under Dr. Howes- Head of the Department of Surgery-- with the provision that I must obtain funds to sustain myself.

I need two more years of training to qualify for the American Board of Surgery. This board requires five years of post-graduate work after an internship. This work may be done in hospitals recognized by them, or part may be in

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the office of a Surgeon recognized by them. The latter contact is impossible for a Negro. Only one Negro physician in the country has passed this board.

My previous training, and the work that I am planning is all of the caliber recognized by them.

There is a great need for trained surgeons among Negroes, and particularly in the south. Then, too, with Socialized Medicine in the offing, it is important that we be qualified in the specialties.

I know of your interest in the welfare and progress of the Colored People.

Thank you for anything or suggestions that you might offer me.

Sincerely yours,

Floarda Hughes Howard

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