

CLAUDE MC KAY

(51)

Free lance writing and  
working as porter

Creative Writing

Too old

he is helped the man well  
He is a good writer but we have  
no further coll

Boulton says he is good but  
a fellowship wouldn't help him now

Name Claude McKay

Field: Creative  
WritingIs working as a porter and doing occasional free lance writing  
33 West 125th Street, New York City

## Plan of Work

A creative study to be entitled "The Tropics in New York", which will be a story with many pictures of the people from the Caribbean islands who comprise about one third of the population of Harlem. The majority is divided between English- and Spanish-speaking Negroids, but there are also French and Dutch.

Study would require one year.

Personal Data Born Jamaica, W. I., September 1890.  
Separated from wife.

Age: 51

Undergraduate Work Kansas State College, 1912-15.

## Graduate Work

## Experience

Accomplishments Numerous books of poems and novels including Home to Harlem (1928), A Long Way from Home (1937), and Harlem, Negro Metropolis (1940).

## References

Professor John Dewey, New York City  
Louis Adamic, Editor, Common Ground  
James S. Watson, Municipal Judge, New York City  
Miss Ernestine Rose, Head Librarian, Branch Library,  
New York City  
Eugene Lyons, Editor, American Mercury

## Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,500
From Applicant	---
From Fund	\$1,500

Sent to Committee

AMOUNT GRANTED