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**JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND**  
**4901 ELLIS AVENUE**  
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Application and accompanying documents should be filed as early as possible for the convenience of the Fellowship Committee, preferably during the early autumn. No application can be considered by the Committee unless the completely filled-out blank and all of the materials requested reach the Director for Fellowships by January 1, 1945.

Negro  White Southerner

Name in full..... Robert Caldwell Lasse ter, Jr.

Present address..... 718 East Bell Street, Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
City State

Permanent address..... same  
City State

Present position (be specific)..... editor, The Rutherford Courier

Institution or organization..... Courier Ptg. Co. Annual salary..... \$4,000

Address..... Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
City State

Specific Field..... Race relations.....

Concise statement of plan of work.....

I propose to make a survey and study of "The Southern Press and Race Relations," and to write a monograph on the subject.

Dates of period for which grant is desired... 1945-46

What is your estimate of the total duration of the proposed project? .. eight months to one year

Will you return to your present position? .. Yes... If not, for what position do you seek further training? ..

If you contemplate graduate study, please fill in the following:

What institution do you wish to attend? ..

Have you been admitted? .. For what degree will you work? ..

Under whose supervision? .. Department of ..



**Personal History**

Place of birth... Nashville, Tenn. Date of birth... Dec. 15, 1910  
 Single, married, widowed, divorced... married  
 Name and address of wife or husband... Mrs. Lida Lee Lasseter, at applicant's address  
 Occupation and salary of wife or husband... housewife  
 Number and ages of children... Betsy Cannon, 5; Virginia Keyes, 1  
 Dependents... To what extent? Relationship...  
 Have you any constitutional disorder or physical disability?... no, other than an illness with  
tuberculosis some years ago.

(The Committee on Fellowships reserves the right to require a full physical examination.)

Draft status... 4-F

**Education**

One official transcript of your college and university records together with five copies must be submitted with your application. (Copies may be typed by the applicant.)

	Name of Institution	Period of Study (Give dates)	Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates (Give dates)
College	<u>Murfreesboro Central High School</u>		<u>Grad. 1928</u>
University	<u>Castle Heights Military Academy</u>		<u>one year</u>
Professional or technical			
Special study	<u>Nieman fellow at Harvard University, 1943-44</u>		

Significant extra-curricular activities.....  
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**Experience**

Give record chronologically.

Institution or Organization	Address	Position	Inclusive Dates	Annual Salary
News-Banner, Murfreesboro, Tenn.		editor	1929-33	\$1,500
Rutherford Courier Murfreesboro, Tenn.			1933-37	\$2,000
Nashville Tennessean		asst. city editor	1937-41	\$2,400
Rutherford Courier		editor	1941-44	\$4,000

**Accomplishments**

1. Of what learned, scientific, or artistic societies are you a member? .....

2. What research or creative work have you done? (If in business or a profession, give evidence of standing and achievements.)

I did research into the subject of freedom of the press at Harvard University and wrote an essay on the subject which won second place of 700-odd entries in the Atlantic Monthly competition in 1944. I also did study and research in the field of race relations at Harvard as a Nieman Fellow, 1943-44

3. Publications (Books and articles. Give title, date, and publisher) .....

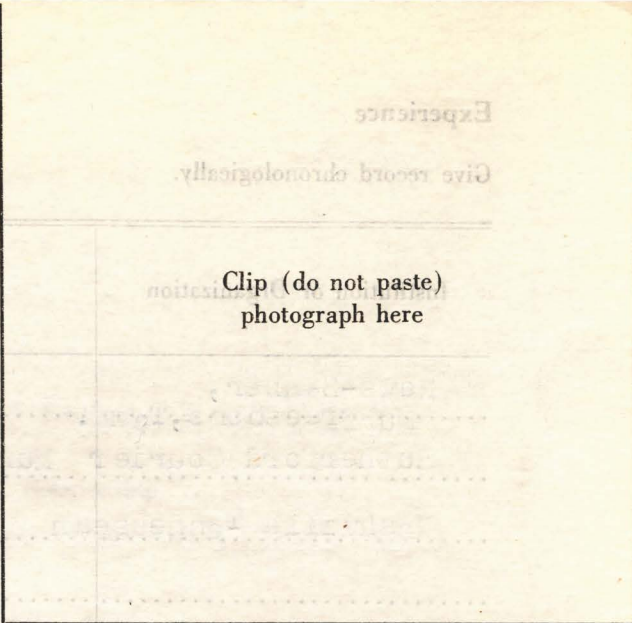
4. List scholarships or fellowships you have previously held or now hold, stating in each case the places and periods of tenure, the studies pursued during your incumbency, and the amounts of the stipends.

Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, 1943-44  
Stipend; \$330 a month. Studies: race relations, agricultural economics.



**Budget Estimate**

Room and board..... \$.....  
 Clothing .....  
 Insurance .....  
 Tuition .....  
 Transportation .....  
 Miscellaneous .....  
 ..... \$.....  
 Total amount needed \$1,800.....  
 Amount applicant can provide \$.....  
 Amount requested from Fund \$1,800.....



If you have applied or expect to apply elsewhere for any fellowship for the same period (which is, of course, permissible) state the facts regarding such application.

**References**

List references from whom confidential information may be obtained concerning your professional qualifications and from whom expert opinion may be obtained as to the value and practicability of your proposed plan of work.

Name of Reference	Position	Address
<i>read</i> Louis M. Lyons	Curator, Nieman Foundation	44 Holyoke House, Harvard University
<i>read</i> H.H. Earthman	Congressman	House Office Building, Washington, D.C.
<i>read</i> B.H. Carter	cashier, Commerce Union Bank	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
<i>read</i> Nat Caldwell	associate editor Nashville Tennessean	Nashville, Tenn.

**Statement of Plan of Work**

Submit a statement giving detailed plans for your work during the tenure of your fellowship. This statement should include: (1) a full description of the project, including its character, scope, and significance; (2) the present state of the project (time of commencement, progress to date, etc.) and expectation as to completion; (3) the proposed university, institution of similar grade, or other place where work would be carried on, and the authorities with whom it would be done; (4) your expectaton as to publication or use of the results of your study; (5) subsequent plans for your career.

Your plan of work should be carefully prepared. Submit *seven copies* typed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Your name should be on each sheet.

SIGNATURE *Robert C. Lasseter, Jr.*

