

Name **Joseph Richmond Johnson** Field: **Music Composition**

Music Director (Choral and Violin), Florida A and M College (on leave).
School of Music, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Plan of Work Symphonic score titled "Negro Rhapsodie" for string orchestra and contralto voice.

Requests grant for one year beginning June 1948. Wishes to work toward the Mus.B. and Mus.M. degrees at Yale University under the supervision of Bruce Simonds, Hugo Kortschak and hopes to do some work with Paul Hindesmith.

Personal Data Born Charlotte, North Carolina, July 1914 Age: **33**
Married, one dependent Draft Status:

Undergraduate Work Howard University, 1932-36
Oberlin Conservatory of Music, 1937-39, summer 1946

Professional Cleveland Institute of Music, 1942-44

~~Graduate Work~~

Special Study Yale University, summer and fall, 1947

Experience Minister of Music, Plymouth Congregational Church, Washington, D.C., 1934-36, \$600; string-choral conductor, Federal Music Projects, Cleveland, Ohio, 1939-41, \$1600; assistant conductor, National Negro Opera Co., Chicago, 1942-44, \$1800; music director, Dillard University, New Orleans, 1944-45, \$2400; music director, Florida A and M College, Tallahassee, 1945- , \$2700.

Accomplishments Special research in Negro folk songs and Creole Folk songs; compositions include special arrangements of Negro spirituals for women's voices; art songs - "Fantasy" for voice, cello and piano, string quartet (all in manuscript).

Publication Poem - "Ode to a Leaf" - 1943, Cleveland, Ohio

Scholarships Washington, D.C., Treble Clef Society, Oberlin College, 1937, \$250;
Florida out of State Scholarship, Oberlin College, summer 1946, \$150;
" " " " " " , Yale University, " 1947, \$250;
" " " " " " , " " " , fall 1947, \$500.

References Herbert Elwell, Oberlin Conservatory of Music
Bruce Simonds, Yale School of Music
Hugo Kortschak, " " " "
Harold Thompson, Great Barrington, Mass.
Doak S. Campbell, Florida State College

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2541
From Applicant	541
From Fund	\$2000

AMOUNT GRANTED

Sent to Committee

