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4901 ELLIS AVENUE
CHICAGO

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP IN Nursing Education

PERSONAL HISTORY

Date Nov. 21, 1936

Name in full Latis Melba Caver

Present address YWCA- 569 E. Elizabeth St., Detroit, Mich. Telephone Cherry 5710

Permanent address YWCA- 569 E. Elizabeth St.

Present occupation Public Health Nurse Salary \$115 Mos.

Place of birth Pine Bluff, Ark. Date of birth April 20, 1911

Married Single Divorced Date of Marriage _____

Name and address of wife or husband _____

Occupation and salary of wife or husband _____

Number of children (give ages and sex) _____

Dependents Two To what extent Partial Maintenance Relationship Mother & Sister

Father's name Floyd L. Caver Address Deceased Occupation _____

HEALTH OF APPLICANT

Weight 138 lbs. Height 5' 6" Previous Illnesses Tonsillectomy - 1932
(Give details and dates)

Appendectomy 1933.

Physical impairment—degree and duration None

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EDUCATION

	Institution	Dates From To	Degree or Diploma (give dates)
High School.....	South High - Worcester, Mass.	Sept. 1926 - June 1930	Diploma - June 25, 1930.
Normal School.....	Becker's Business School	1930 - 1931	Typewriting & Shorthand
College.....	Howard Univ. - Wash. D.C.	Sept. 1931 - Feb. 1932	36 hrs. credit
Nurses' Training.....	Freedmen's Hosp. Wash. D.C.	Sept. 1931 - June 1934	Diploma - June 1934.
Medical School.....			R.N. - April 1935
Postgraduate Study.....	Wayne Univ. - Detroit, Mich.	Sept. '36 - Present	4 hrs. credit

EXPERIENCE

(Medical graduates will please list internships, residence service and other hospital or professional experience. Students will include part-time work and hours per day.)

Institution or Organization	Address	Position	Under Direction of	Salary
Instructive Visiting Nurse Society	810 Albee Bldg Wash. D.C.	Public Health Nurse	Miss Gertrude H. Bowling, R.N.	\$130 mos.
Visiting Nurse Association	51 W. Warren Ave. Detroit, Mich.	Public Health Nurse	Miss Emilie G. Sargent, R.N.	\$115 mos.

REFERENCES

Name	Address	When and in what capacity has this person known you?
Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle	672 Euclid St., Akron, Ohio.	Since 1931 - Educational Advisor
Miss Louise Knapp	Wayne Univ., Detroit, Mich.	Fall 1936 - Nursing Education Advisor
Miss Annie Hutchinson	569 E. Elizabeth, Detroit, Mich.	May, 1936 - Supervisor
Miss Emilie G. Sargent	51 W. Warren, Detroit, Mich.	May 1936 - Executive Director
Dr. Maod Watson	3743 Brush - Detroit, Mich.	May 1936 - Psychological Test for I. Q.
Dr. Jesse Miller	215 Edgecombe Ave., N.Y.C.	Since 1931 - As a physician

ESTIMATED EXPENSE FOR PERIOD OF STUDY BEGINNING Fall, 1937 ENDING June, 1938

Room.....	\$ <u>160.00</u>	Tuition.....	\$ <u>380.00</u>
Board.....	<u>224.00</u>	Books.....	<u>25.00</u>
Laundry.....	<u>25.00</u>	Transportation.....	<u>20.00</u>
Clothing.....	<u>50.00</u>		
Insurance.....	<u>35.00</u>		
Total.....			\$ <u>919.00</u>
How much can you provide?.....			<u>\$400.00</u>
Amount requested from Julius Rosenwald Fund.....			<u>\$519.00</u>

For what position do you seek further training? Educational Director of A.I. Negro Nursing School
What course of study do you wish to take? Administration in Schools of Nursing
For what degree are you working? B.S. and M.A.
In what institution do you wish to study? Columbia University - Teacher's College
Under whose supervision? Educational Advisor of Nursing Education - Teachers College
Have your credits been accepted by this institution? Yes
Give a list of scholarships or fellowships which you have held or now hold: YWCA - Loan Scholarship
granted in 1932.

NOTE:

1. Please attach small photograph or snapshot, writing your name on the back.
2. Arrange with your superior to send us a letter stating that you may return to your position at the conclusion of the term of study requested
3. Submit evidence of admission to the school where you wish to study unless you are attending that school at the time of application.
4. Application must be mailed to the ^{Secretary} ~~Director for Medical Services~~, Julius Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago.

MEDICAL RECORD

Date 11-21-36

Name Latis Melba Carter Age 25

Occupation Visiting Nurse

Weight 138 Height 5'6"

Family history Negative for Tuberculosis, insanity, epilepsy, syphilis or other familial disease. No suspicious family contacts.

Past illnesses Tonsillotomy + Appendectomy

Present Physical findings: Patient is an adult female, well nourished + in good physical condition. Head: - good conditions. Eyes: - normal. Ear + Nose: - clinically normal. Neck: - neg. Chest: - Well developed - lung fields clear. Heart: - sounds of good quality - no murmurs or arrhythmias or enlargement. Abdomen: - healed mid-line scar, otherwise negative. Extremities: - no deformity or other defects. Reflexes: - present, active + normal.

Recommendations: Complete examination reveals a perfectly normal female adult. B.P. 110/70 T 98.6 P 74 - R 22.

Physician M.D. 2221 E. Congress St. (address) Detroit, Mich. FLSK UNIVERSITY

Write (in your own handwriting) an essay of not more than three hundred words, stating the major problem in your field as you see it, and your reason for believing that additional training will enable you to help solve that problem, or at least to make a contribution as a result of wider experience. Please restrict essay to pages five and six.

A decade or so ago the words "Nursing Education" were seldom, if ever, used. It was not considered necessary, either in schools of nursing or in nursing after graduation to have any special preparation. "You learn by doing" was the accepted theory and so probationers "as green as the grass of the countryside" from whence they came were sent on the wards to learn how to be a nurse by the "trial and error" method. Needless to say it was the patient who paid the price of this heedless neglect.

Today the trend is toward higher education in all professional fields. Nursing, being among the youngest of the professions, was among the last to recognize and stress the need of college preparation for its students. Thus today the number of graduate nurses who could meet the demand were the field to be closed to all but college graduate nurses would be startlingly small. Yet that is exactly where she will find herself ten or twenty years from now if she does not undertake to prepare herself for the ever-increasing trend of modern education!

Whether in private duty, institution, industrial or Public Health Nursing the "Florence Nightingales" of 1947 will be college-prepared women, not college-rejected aspirants who chose the "next best thing."

If the problem of continued Nursing Education is acute in the profession as a whole, it is still more acute in the Negro nursing profession. The number of Colored graduate nurses holding the degree of Bachelor of Science is relatively small compared to the number

of Colored Nursing Schools there are in this country, which graduate hundreds of poorly prepared nurses, and throw them out annually on an unsuspecting public. As for the Masters Degree in Nursing Education — there are but two holding this honor from Columbia University.

What are the conditions which foster such a set-up? How can they best be eliminated? Who is to take this responsibility? The State? The City? The Government? No! The Negro Nurse herself. But how? By so preparing herself that when the golden opportunity presents itself for assuming Executive positions in these schools or in Public Health Organization she will be ready. And there will be opportunities, for are not many of the highest ranking Negro Nursing Schools today manned by a staff, few of which have little more than a high school education, and many not even that, as a background for their nursing education? Will not these vacancies be filled by College prepared women who have shown by their continued efforts toward higher education that they recognize the need of added knowledge, culture, and background for the Negro Nurse? The answer is, beyond a reasonable doubt, in the affirmative.

I wish to help solve that problem or at least make a contribution, as a result of wider experience and knowledge. Since entering the nursing profession 5 years ago I have observed at close range the qualifications of those who held superior positions. I have sensed their lack of preparation and initiative and rebelled at the system which would allow them to go on day after day setting examples for younger nurses to follow unknowingly.

I have set myself a task which only through broader education can I accomplish!

I, the Black Nurse of America
Wish to do my part!



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