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# FELLOWSHIPS

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Dear Mr. Downing: I am enclosing an announcement of our fellowship program. As you know, these fellowships are open not only to persons engaged in academic work, but also to young Negroes interested in business, law, journalism, the ministry, etc. It is not required that the applicant be working toward a degree.

We are interested in developing strong leadership in all fields, and it has occurred to us that in your wide contacts during the next several months you may meet some exceptional young people who would be greatly benefited by a year of work in preparation for their chosen field.

The fellowships are on a competitive basis, and we receive some four hundred applications a year from Negroes; from this number only a few can be chosen. We are not interested in receiving simply a large number of applications; we are interested in receiving applications from exceptionally talented persons, regardless of their particular field of endeavor. You can render promising young people and the Fund a great deal of assistance if you will keep this matter in mind and suggest to able persons that they write us for application blanks.

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