

JAMES PRICE JOHNSON

Composer of Music

Music - composition

Remarkable letters

see esp: Handy, Sterling Brown,  
John Hammond (Asso. Recording Director, Columbia  
Recording Corp) "I consider J.P.J. the most talented  
popular composer in America" + J. Rosamond Johnson  
He is a lot older than our standard

On bases of this year's testimony  
I should incline to gamble on this  
man even if the music jury  
didn't fall for him (unless they  
could show very good reasons for their  
adverse judgment)

A

(maybe X + for music jury)

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JAMES P. JOHNSON

1939

42

Composer

Over age

was turned down last year

No evidence of exceptional  
development since then

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1941  
1943 DS

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Composer of Music  
ASCAP, 30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York City

**Plan of Work**

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Applied in 1938, 1939 and 1940.

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Married. Two children. Draft: 4H

**Undergraduate Work** Toledo Conservatory of Music, 1 year.  
Conservatory of Musical Art, 2 years.

~~Graduate Work~~ Studied piano with Bruto V. Giannini, orchestration with Boris Levanson, composition with E. A. Jackson, piano with E. E. Treumann, and composition with Joseph Furgieule.

**Experience** Composer, conductor, radio artist, piano soloist in concert, 1919 to present, approximate salary, \$3000.

**Accomplishments** See attached pages.

**References**

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Mr. Sterling Brown, Howard University  
Dr. Mercer Cook, Atlanta University  
Dr. Paul Kosok, Brooklyn, New York  
Maestro E. E. Treumann, New York City  
Dr. Tristram W. Metcalfe, Long Island University  
Mme. Sina Fosdick, Roerich Academy Fine Arts  
Sent to Committee

**Budget Summary**

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| Total Amount Needed | \$2500 |
| From Applicant      | 1000   |
| From Fund           | \$1500 |

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