

1943

Name Guthrie, Woodrow Wilson (Woody) (1912)

Negro   
White Southerner

Position Writer, musician, singer

Special Field Folklore  
Group

College

University

Plan of Work:

For creative writing and studies in folklore.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$2,000



Stories in COMMON GROUND.

Two albums of phonograph records, "Dust Bowl Ballads", for RCA Victor.  
Songs recorded by Office of War Information and Library of Congress.

BOUND FOR GLORY, E. P. Dutton & Co., 1943.

1943, Merchant Marine.

1944, writing book about Seaman, also book of work and  
war songs. Made 132 phonograph records  
for Asch Record, Co. Performed on radio stations.  
Touring with "Victory Bandwagon".

BURSERY DAYS (Songs for Children); TALKING UNION (Almanac Singers) Keynote Rec. Co.;  
SOD BUSTER BALLADS and DEEP SEA CHANTEYS, General Recording Company; SONGS TO GROWN  
and Work Songs to Grown On published by Moe Asch Disc Co. 117 W 46st.

Two unfinished manuscripts "Twenty-Two Shirts" and "House of Earth".

3520 Morningside Avenue  
Coney Island  
Brooklyn 24, New York

FISK  
UNIVERSITY

## WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE

Writer, composer, folksinger  
3520 Mermaid Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

Creative Writing

This chap has talked  
But he's moved out of the  
South permanently  
And I don't recognize obligation  
to support these folklorists forever  
just because they do some  
Southern stuff  
we pay him \$2,000 in 1943

Writer, musician and singer  
New York City

Folklore

Top testimony  
His outline of work irritates  
me, but I'm allergic to  
folksy truck  
I guess as 'll have to do it  
Is he ever going to go back  
South? Oklahoma is very  
"South" anyway

1940

JW

1943

Name Woodrow Wilson Guthrie

Field: Folk Lore

Writer, musician, and singer  
74 Charles Street  
New York City

*40 Maria  
375-50 Cypress Av.  
Sea Gate Brooklyn NY.*

Plan of Work

I want to write books, ballads, songs, and novels that will help people to know each other's work better, each other's fun, problems, and culture better; especially now that we've got to work and fight together to win this war and a peace that will last.

I want to travel around for one year beginning May 1. I will keep traveling and going and looking and writing.

*12 mos.*

Personal Data

Born Okemah, Oklahoma, July, 1912.  
Married; three children.

Age: 31  
Draft: 3A

Undergraduate Work

Graduate Work

Experience

Accomplishments

Wrote two articles for Common Ground, and the book "Bound for Glory", E. P. Dutton, out March 15, 1943. Two albums of phonograph records, "Dust Bowl Ballads", RCA Victor. Lots of songs recorded by Office of War Information and Library of Congress, and I made up 30 songs for the Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, Oregon, U. S. Dept. of Interior, about the Columbia River projects, dams, irrigation, minerals, factories, flying fortresses, etc., to give homes and jobs to migratory workers and farmers. Made up a good many songs and ballads and sang them in 45 states. Had a 30-minute radio program every day for a couple of years in Los Angeles. Been on most of the big stations: CBS, NBC, etc.

References

Davidson Taylor, Columbia Broadcasting System  
Alan Lomax, Office of War Information  
Elliot B. Macrae, E. P. Dutton & Co.  
Margaret Anderson, Common Ground Magazine  
Earl Robinson, Music Composer  
John Steinbeck, Los Gatos, California

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2000
From Applicant	-
From Fund	\$2000

Plan of Work  
Transcripts

Photograph  
Exhibit Material

Sent to Committee

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AMOUNT GRANTED



Name Woodrow Wilson Guthrie Field: Creative Writing  
 Writer, composer, folksinger  
 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

Plan of Work To finish manuscripts, books, songbooks, etc. which had to be laid aside when applicant went into the Merchant Marine and the Army Air Forces. To collect, organize and publish books of folk songs, ballads, tall tales, etc.; to continue to compose own ballads, songs, poems, as well as autobiographical novels and books based on applicant's personal travels and observations; to publish record albums selected from applicant's collected materials.

Requests grant for one year beginning June 1947

Personal Data Born Okemah, Oklahoma, July 1912  
 Married, four partial dependents

Age: 35  
 Draft Status: Honorably Discharged

Undergraduate Work

Graduate Work

Experience

Accomplishments Bound For Glory, (autobiographical novel) E. P. Dutton Co., 1943; several manuscripts, articles, letters, songs, ballads, etc., ready for publication; has made fourteen record albums among which are "Ballads from the Dust Bowl", RCA Victor; "Songs to Grow On", Disc Company; "Talking Union", "Sod Buster Ballads" and "Deep Sea Chanteys", Keynote and General Recording Company.

Fellowship: Rosenwald Grant, 1943, \$2,000.

#### References

J. C. Hallstrom, Manager, RCA Victor Record Department, Camden, New Jersey  
 Moe Asch, Disc Company of America, New York  
 Alan Lomax, Director of Folk Music, Decca Records, New York  
 John H. Faulk, Radio Performer, CBS, New York

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