

SCHOLARSHIP

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61 Gorham Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
January 3, 1936

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
President, Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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My dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University, I write to inquire if there is a possibility of my obtaining any assistance from the Rosenwald Fund, to enable me to continue my graduate studies in English at Harvard University during the coming semester.

My case is that of a teacher who, in an effort to meet the requirements of the North Central Association, has let his enthusiasm run a little ahead of his judgment. To be more specific, I agreed to spend this year in further study on my doctor's degree, although I had been at the University of Michigan in 1933-34. This was done in an effort to cooperate with the president of my school, Dr. Charles W. Florence, of Lincoln University in Missouri. As the end of the first semester approaches, I see that I was guilty of an enormous financial miscalculation, and that I shall be unable to continue in school the second semester unless I am fortunate enough to get some aid. I am entirely on my own resources, since the General Education Board has not been including Lincoln University in the list of schools to which it grants teacher fellowships. There is some hope that this situation will be soon corrected.

My A.B. and A.M. degrees are from Harvard University (1925 and 1926 respectively). I spent the year 1933-34 at the University of Michigan. During the current semester here at Harvard, I have devoted most of my time to the extra courses in philology required. If I am able to continue my work this year, I expect to begin work on my thesis in February.

It may not be out of place for me to state that I am interested in creative writing, and was fortunate enough to tie for the first prize in the short story contest conducted by Opportunity in 1928. At that time, Mr. Harry Hansen, one of the judges, wrote me a very encouraging letter. Although the duties of my position, and the quest of the Ph.D degree have left me little time for writing, I am still ambitious to make use of the rich experiences I have gained while teaching and travelling in

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the South.

For recommendations I refer you to Mr. C.W. Florence, president of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri; Dr. Alain L. Locke, Howard University, Washington, D. C; and Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. Other references I shall be glad to furnish if you are interested.

Very truly yours,

*Cecil A. Blue*

Cecil A. Blue

# SCHOLARSHIP

January 8, 1936

Dear Johnson: I have a letter from Cecil A. Blue asking for help to see him through the second semester at Harvard. I have sent him a non-committal reply as per the enclosed carbon.

Do you know this man well? Does he seem to you so outstanding a person that we would be justified in making a special award to him?

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Dr. Charles S. Johnson  
Fisk University  
Nashville, Tennessee

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January 8, 1936

Dear Mr. Blue: I have read with much interest your letter of January 3. We have almost no funds available for additional fellowship awards for the coming year, but I should like at least to give your application serious consideration. Would you be good enough to let us know the amount that would be necessary to see you through the year and whether you have any definite assurance that you will be able to receive your doctor's degree if you can remain at Harvard during the next semester?

Unfortunately, I cannot hold out much hope that we will be able to assist you, but if you will let us have this information I can at least give you a prompt decision.

Very truly yours,

ERE:GS

Mr. Cecil A. Blue  
61 Gorham Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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January 21, 1936

Dear Mr. Blue: I have the honor to inform you that you have been awarded a fellowship or grant-in-aid of \$300 from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. I wish the award could have been for a higher amount but I trust this, with the other resources at your disposal, will make it possible for you to complete your present work at Harvard. I assume that the present semester will enable you to complete your required work in residence and that the thesis may be presented at your convenience and outside of residence. At any rate in making this grant I must make it clear that this is the total amount which may be expected from this fund. Our present fellowship resources are so limited that we are able to make only small contributions and are not able to repeat our grants to given individuals.

I am enclosing a first installment of the grant in the form of a check for \$100. If agreeable to you, the remainder will be paid in checks of similar amount on April 1 and June 1 of this year. We consider it an honor to be associated with the continuation of your advanced studies.

Very truly yours,

ERE:GS

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. Cecil Blue  
~~61 Gordan Street~~  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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Cambridge, Mass.  
January 13, 1935

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
President, Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Sir:

Thanks for the consideration which you gave my letter, and for the prompt reply. Unfortunately, I must correct an impression which the letter gave you: that there is a possibility of my receiving the doctor's degree from Harvard after another semester. I wish that were so. On the other hand, I shall be just getting my thesis under way, and as you no doubt know, there can be no certainty about the length of time that will be required to write a thesis satisfactory to the committee. There will also be the examination after that. However, once I get it under way, I intend to work at it assiduously.

In the hope that the information which I have given will not prejudice my case, I answer your second question. I shall be able to complete the year at Harvard on four hundred dollars. If you are disposed to help me, this amount, or any fraction of it, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Cecil A. Blue*  
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To

Mr. Cecil Blue  
61 Gorham Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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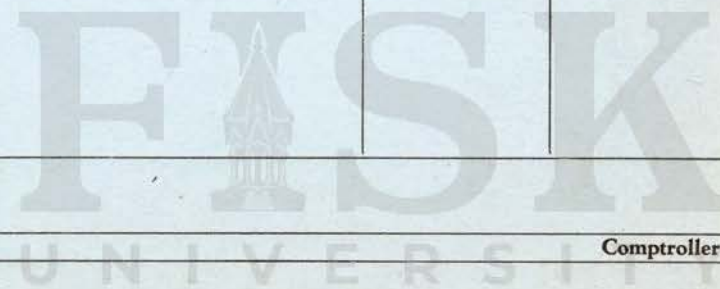
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First payment on fellowship granted 1/21/36 - - - - - \$100.00

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61 Gorham Street  
Cambridge, Mass.  
February 1, 1936

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
President, Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Embree:

At the first opportunity I have had since the receipt of your last letter, I write to express my sincerest appreciation for the fellowship of three hundred dollars from the Julius Rosenwald Fund which you have granted me. Coming as it did while I was busy with preparation for the semester examinations and term papers, it was a source of much encouragement to me.

I begin the second semester's work tomorrow. For the fact that I shall be able to undertake that work, I have you and the Rosenwald Fund to thank. I assure you that I shall strive diligently to justify the confidence which you have thus placed in me.

The arrangement described in your letter is entirely satisfactory.

Gratefully yours,  
*Cecil A. Blue*  
Cecil A. Blue

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

61 Gorham Street  
April 7, 1936

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
President, Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Fearing that mail sent to me from your office may have miscarried, or that there may have been some oversight, I write to inform you that I have not received the second installment of my grant, which you said would be payable on April 1.

I hope you will not consider me importunate in writing this letter.

Very truly yours,  
*Cecil A. Blue*  
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April 9, 1936

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Dear Mr. Blue: Thank you for calling our attention to the fact that you failed to receive the second installment of your grant. This was, of course, an oversight. Unfortunately, I cannot send the check today because both Mr. Embree and Miss Elvidge are out of the city. It will, however, be mailed to you Monday morning, air mail, special delivery.

I hope your failure to receive the voucher has not inconvenienced you too much.

*Air mail*

Very truly yours,

*JULIA WAXMAN*

Secretary to Mr. Embree

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Mr. Cecil A. Blue  
61 Gorham Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts



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To

Mr. Cecil Blue  
61 Gorham Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 8704

Date April 14, 1936

Second payment on fellowship granted 1/21/36 ----- \$100.00

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61 Gorham Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

April 29, 1936

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Dr. Edwin R. Embree  
President, Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Embree:

According to the plan offered by you, and which I agreed to, I am to receive the last installment of my grant from the Rosenwald Fund on June 1. With some diffidence I write to ask if it will be convenient for your office to pay that final installment now, rather than a month hence. The big item in my expenses now is the final tuition installment of one hundred dollars. I had been under the impression that this fee would be due at the end of the semester, but find now it is due April 30. The dean of the graduate school has given me ten days of grace. I expect to be able to take care of my living expenses until June 8, when I return to teach at Lincoln University.

As I have said, I make this request hesitantly. And if the change of plan would mean any inconvenience, I should prefer to make other arrangements. In any event, I should like to hear from you.

*Sincerely yours,  
Cecil A. Blue*

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May 1, 1936

Dear Mr. Blue: I am glad to enclose our check in  
the amount of one hundred dollars  
(\$100.00), final payment on our fellowship grant.

We understand that this will cover your final tuition  
installment and that you are in a position to care  
for your living expenses until June 8, at which time  
you will return to your teaching post.

Our good wishes go with you for  
success in your chosen work.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. Cecil A. Blue  
61 Cornham Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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To

Mr. Cecil Blue  
61 Gorham Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 8353

Date May 1, 1936

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