

**Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University  
William Plummer French Prize  
2020 Application**

**Eligibility: All Harvard College concentrators regardless of class rank**

**Application deadline: Friday, April 10, 2020**

Established in 1997, this prize is in memory of William Plummer French who passed away on January 14, 1997. An avid bibliophile, French worked at the University Place Book Shop in New York City, which specialized in African American books. Self-educated through the books in the store, French became known to collectors, scholars, librarians, and fellow dealers as the most sophisticated and knowledgeable bibliographer of African Americana. A book prize is awarded to an undergraduate student from any academic department who has collected the best personal library focusing on some aspect of African or African American culture and history.

For this prize, students must submit a bibliography of their African and/or African American library collection. This collection may include books and journals as well as film, music and other media. The department reserves the right to audit this.

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Harvard ID  
Number

Concentration

Phone

Email

Permanent Legal  
Address

Harvard Address

Estimated  
Graduation Date

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Application Checklist:

Bibliography of  
African and/or  
African American  
library collection,  
including author,  
title and  
publication date

All application materials must be submitted by the **Friday, April 10, 2020** deadline  
to:

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