

**Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University
William Plummer French Prize
2024 Application**

Eligibility: All Harvard College concentrators regardless of class rank

Application deadline: Friday, April 4, 2025

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

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 4, 2025** deadline to: Keirsten_melbourne@fas.harvard.edu

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