

Organizing for Freedom Registration

The success of COFO's entire political program will to a great extent depend on how well the freedom registration campaign goes. A thorough explanation of the significance of this program will come later at the section meeting. What follows here will be a simple listing of the specific organizing jobs.

Freedom Registrars:

There will be 82 Freedom Registrars -- 1 in each county of the state. Each Freedom Registrar will have as many Deputy Registrars working under him as possible. The job of the Mississippi staff and summer volunteers will be first to recruit these Registrars and Deputy Registrars.

Freedom Registration Forms:

People who work on voter registration during the summer will also work on freedom registration. They will get people to fill out the freedom registration forms as they attempt to convince people to go down to the Courthouse to officially register.

Qualifications for Freedom Registration

1. Registrants must be over 21.
2. They do not have to be literate.
3. They must be able to answer questions as you read them and write the answers. (Illiterate people will sign "Xs" as you and others witness).
4. They must have lived in the state for at least 2 years and in the county for 1 year.
5. Both people who are registered and who are not registered on the "official" registration books are eligible to register on the freedom registration books.