

SAMPLE LETTER TO START CHAIN

Dear _____

This summer hundreds of students will be going to Mississippi to organize for civil rights.

Most of this work will be in the form of voter registration and freedom schools in the Negro community. But another part of the project, about which not much has yet been written, will be in the white communities. Here students, all young white Southerners, will be taking the message of the integration movement to white Mississippians and trying to win their support.

Each student who works on this project needs \$150 to live on for the summer---just \$15 a week. There are four very able young white Southerners who want to help but who have no resources of their own. The Southern Conference Educational Fund is attempting to raise funds to provide fellowships of \$150 each to these students.

I have been asked to help and consider it a privilege to do so. Even a few dollars invested in this way gives us a stake in the history to be made in Mississippi this summer.

Won't you help too? Please ~~make five copies of this letter and send one to five friends~~ make a contribution of your own, large or small, and then make five copies of this letter and send one to five friends.

Your contribution and those of the others to whom you write should be sent to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, 822 Perdido St., New Orleans, La. Checks should be made payable to SCEF, earmarked for "Mississippi Summer Fellowships."

Sincerely,

(signature)