

MEMO

FROM: Jim Dombrowski

TO: SCEF Board Members and Other Friends

RE: Mississippi White Community Project

Would you like to help in the massive program being planned by civil rights forces in Mississippi this summer?

You have no doubt been reading about plans for this project that will take 1000 students into that state to work on voter registration, freedom schools, etc.

One of the most exciting parts of the program, although one of the least publicized, is a project designed to reach into the white communities of Mississippi and win allies for the civil rights movement. This work will be carried on by young white Southerners.

Ed Hamlett, who works on the SNCC staff and is a new member of the SCEF board, is organizing this white community project.

He now has 20 white students, all Southerners, who have volunteered to help. Four of them, however, will not be able to go unless they get financial aid. All students who go to Mississippi this summer must provide for their own living expenses. It is estimated that this will be \$150 per student---or \$15 a week.

Ed has asked SCEF to help raise money to provide fellowships for the four students who have volunteered to work in the white community but have no financial resources of their own.

Will you help us do this? The dollars we give can give each of us a little stake in the history that will be made in Mississippi this summer. Please do the following:

First send your own contribution, large or small, toward fellowships for these young people. Then note the five copies enclosed of a memo describing the project and the students who need help. Please take time to write a personal letter to five friends, enclose one of the fact sheets, ask your friends to contribute and ask each of them to write five friends and ask those five to do likewise---so that we establish a chain. A sample letter to start your chain is enclosed; use it if you wish, or write your own.

Checks should be made payable to SCEF, earmarked for "Mississippi Summer Fellowships."

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Suggest to each of the five friends: