

CORE SOUTHERN OFFICE
2209 Dryades Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

May 25, 1965

Mr. Dick Jewett
1017 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dick:

I am enclosing another copy of the memo which has gone out to the staff; you have probably received one already. The staff is being asked to make an all-out effort to recruit college students in their area for the SEDF Field Fellowship program.

This fellowship is a grant of \$250 for the support of the student during the time of the project. So far there has been very little response because, we believe, the students do not know about this program. So we are conducting a last-minute, all-out recruiting drive at the Negro colleges. You are asked to set up a recruitment drive at the colleges in your area. I realize this is very short notice, but it must be done. The deadline for applications has been set at May 31st, which is less than a week away.

I am enclosing a copy of the application form and information about the program; perhaps you have it already. Have the application reproduced and handed out among the college students. There are 60 of these scholarships available; it is very important that we find students to apply for them.

Your efforts will be greatly appreciated--this is an extremely urgent matter. Good luck.

In the name of freedom,



David Dennis
Southern Program Director

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MEMO TO: All Southern Staff
FROM: David Dennis, Southern Program Director
RE: Recruitment for the Field Fellowship Program

Enclosed you will find applications from the Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for their field fellowship program. This program is an effort on the part of SEDF to provide means by which college students can become involved in the Movement. It will aid students in their studies and at the same time give them experience in social work. It will introduce them in a constructive way to the social problems of their country and how they affect them now and in the future as prospective leaders of this country.

We are able to have 60 students in this program--50 in Louisiana, 5 in South Carolina and 5 in Northern Florida. SEDF has sent out applications both to field staff and colleges for recruiting students for this program; so far, about 10 have applied. I feel very strongly that the reason so few have responded to this project is that very few students know about it. Therefore, it is our responsibility to begin a major recruiting effort on the college campuses of our area, to get college students involved.

Enclosed you will find both an application from the SEDF and an explanation letter about qualifications for the grant, etc. These can be reproduced by whatever means you have available. To qualify for a grant, the student must also be accepted to a summer project, so please make sure they also fill out an application to the CORE summer project.

We have about one week left to recruit; the school year is almost over. I humbly plead to all staff members that you do all you can to begin a major recruitment of students from Negro college campuses. You should have the enclosed applications reproduced and distributed on all campuses in your area. Try to meet with the students themselves, to interest them in the project. All applications must be sent to me, in care of the CORE Southern Office, by May 30. Students will be notified immediately as to whether they have been accepted or not.

Field staff have long complained about the small number of Negro college students who participate in the Movement today. We have come to the conclusion that the reason the number is so small is that so few can afford to work as volunteers, and the Civil Rights Movement has not been able to finance them in the past. Today, we have the means to finance the students, and it is up to us to recruit them.

This is a new project. none of us has had much time to work on it. Therefore, I am not blaming you for not doing anything on this project in the past, for it is quite possible you did not know about it. But, as in all emergencies, we must unite our efforts and push together. And this, I must say, is an emergency.

In the name of Freedom.

CORE Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund, Inc.
150 Nassau Street, Room 1312, New York, N.Y. 10038

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIPS

sponsored by CORE Scholarship, Education
and Defense Fund, Inc.

Community Development Fellowships are awarded to college students who wish to undertake field work assignments in a summer community project sponsored by national civil rights organizations. The field work experience offered by a given project must relate to a student's area of study. They are designed for students who cannot finance their own participation. Students receiving fellowships will enhance their educational and professional careers and at the same time perform valuable community service.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for a Community Development Fellowship, a student must:

1. be admitted to an accredited college;
2. be accepted by a bona fide summer project sponsored by a national civil rights organization;
3. show evidence that the nature of the project relates to his college studies;
4. show evidence that he does not have adequate funds to pay his own expenses.

SELECTION

Students will be selected on the basis of an application form which must be filed with CORE SEDF by May 25, 1965. Preference will be given to students whose past experience in academic work, community activity and civil rights work indicates that he will profit from and make a contribution to the given project. Two references, one related to college work and one related to community activity, will be required of each applicant.

OBLIGATIONS

Students who receive Fellowships must agree to attend all training and evaluation sessions related to the project and to provide CORE SEDF with a report on experiences.

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MEMO

TO: SOUTHERN FIELD STAFF

FROM: DAVE DENNIS, PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE

RE: FIELD FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

I am enclosing a description of and application forms for the Community Development Fellowships sponsored by the CORE Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund, Inc.

50 of these students will be hired to work on the Louisiana Project, 5 will be hired to work in Northern Florida, and 5 will be hired to work in South Carolina. The students do not have to be from the area named in order to be hired. We now need staff to begin a major recruitment of college students from the southern college campuses.

You are asked to make copies of the enclosed application form, distribute these applications to students on campus, have all interested students fill out the application form, and forward it IMMEDIATELY to the CORE Southern Office. All of these forms should be in the Southern Office no later than May 25, 1965.