

Introduction

At the Western Regional Conference of SNCC in Nov. 1964 Bob Moses said he would like a Screening Committee organized. Some of us got together and formed one. Most of us have been to Mississippi and know what you will encounter and also what SNCC will want of you. We do not select applicants. All we do is ask questions and then SNCC in Atlanta makes the decision on your application.

Motivation

Why do you want to go to Mississippi? What do you hope to accomplish there? What else do you think you would be able to do there? What if SNCC does not wish to use you in that capacity? How do you feel towards Negroes/Whites? Know any? How would you like working with them?

Ability to
Accept Authority
and follow thru
on a project.

What have you been doing in the past few months? How long on the job? Why quit or fired (job or school)? Trouble keeping jobs? Why? Ever been in the service? Type of discharge? Willing to take orders from people in SNCC? To do what they tell you to do?

Legal

Ever been arrested? What for? Explore any felonies and explain the danger to the movement, to themselves and the bad publicity to SNCC. Taking any pot with you? Do you have a pending court case (e.g. FSK)? If under 21 a letter from parents or guardian is necessary to complete this application

Attitude
Toward Non-
Violence

What will you do when a redneck stops you on the street pushes you around and calls you a dirty mother-fucking - Nigger-lover or some other appropriate term.

Medical and
Psychiatric

When did you last see a doctor? What for? Any physical problems? Asthas? Cough? Weight loss? Night sweats? Trouble sleeping nights? Ever had any V.D.? Stomach pains? Nervousness? How are your teeth? Any abscesses or aching teeth? Ever had a nervous breakdown? Ever feel any particular group or person has had it in for you? Note and explore excessive hostility and poor control of it.

Financial

How much money do you have in the bank? How long are you going to stay? Proof of ability to have about \$15 per week to live on. How will you get down South? Back?

Summary

Use quotations whenever possible. Make your report as factual and objective as possible. Avoid opinions and judgements, Note the applicants general appearance and manner of relating to you. Use a separate sheet of paper, type your report and append to the application then send, without delay to Dave Fogel.

Sample Summary

Friendly and cooperative. Has clear idea of what he wants to do in Mississippi --- voter registration--- but is eager and willing to do whatever tasks are assigned him. Willing to accept authority of SMOG leadership. Committed to principle of non-violence, he says. No pending litigation. No felonies. No physical or emotional symptoms. Has poor teeth but no incapacitations therefrom-- recent tooth extraction. States that his father will send him \$60 per month. Will send his parent's consent letter to me.

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