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TO: SSSP Board of Directors

FROM: JoAnn Miller, Committee Chair
Lee Student Support Fund Committee (JoAnn Miller, Kathryn Fox,
and Jennifer Wesely)

We are very grateful to Michele Koontz for the work she did on behalf of the Lee Student Support Fund Committee. Michele helped make it possible for twenty-five students to attend the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

The Committee received a total of 27 applications for Lee Student Support funds. It had a limit of \$4,000 to award.

Most applications were submitted electronically, requiring individuals to send copies of student IDs separately. The electronic submission form contained the subject "WWW Form Submission."

The committee makes a suggestion regarding the application process:

The subject line for the electronic form should be "SSSP Lee Student Support Fund."

Applicants requested travel funds ranging from \$228 to \$808. The student's location was not the only factor that affected the amount requested. For example, one of the highest requests (more than \$700) came from a student traveling from the District of Columbia to Atlanta.

In response to the large number of applications, we decided to make equal awards (\$148.15) to the 27 applicants. Michele Koontz checked the preliminary program and the membership database to verify that the potential recipients were eligible to receive funds. She contacted each individual and learned that two students, both from Temple University, would not be able to afford travel to Atlanta, based on the \$148.15 award level. As a consequence, *a total of 25 students received awards of \$160.00 each.*

The committee anticipates a large number of applications for funds to attend the 54th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.