

To: SSSP Board of Directors
From: 2006-2007 Lee Student Support Fund Committee (Carolyn C. Perrucci, Chair; Kamini Maraj Grahame, Chair-Elect; and Kelly Chassie
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We are most appreciative of Michele Koontz for all the work she did on behalf of our committee. Our committee serves an important function for new, young members, and we are fortunate to have the skills and efficiency of Michele.

Lee Student Support Fund

We received 45 applications (up from 33 last year) for funds to attend the 57th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Most of the applications were submitted electronically, and student IDs were sent by mail or fax. Despite a statement on the application that a photocopy of the student ID was required, several applicants had to be informed of this. One of the applicants was ineligible because he was not a program participant, another requirement indicated on the application.

The remaining 44 applicants received funding totaling \$7,500 (up barely from \$7,485 last year). Total requests totaled nearly \$36,000, so we considered only travel requests for funding (\$16,020). Everyone received at least \$150. Three applicants had travel costs of \$1,000 or more, and they were initially awarded \$460.00. When four applicants declined support, funds, we divided the \$600.00 from them and finally awarded \$660.00 to the three with the extremely high requests for travel funds. So, the awards ranged from \$150.00 to \$660.00. Since the number and amount of requests far exceed the almost stable amount to be allocated, we *recommend that the Board revise the statement on the LSSF application that the typical award is around \$150.00 and that the maximum award rarely exceeds \$600.00.*

Meeting Mentor Program

The Committee received 38 requests for mentoring at the meetings, down slightly from 41 last year. With emails to the SSSP Board and Division members, and a personal contact from Michele Koontz, as well as email contact by the Chair with other members, the resulting number of mentors equaled the number of mentees. It appears that an appeal to professional responsibility is necessary to obtain sufficient mentors.