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Regarding: 2016-2017 Annual Report, Lee Scholar Support Fund

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During the 2015-2016 year, the Lee Scholar Support fund received 14 online applications, five of which did not meet eligibility requirements. From the remaining nine, five were selected, with each receiving \$1200.

This year we received six applications, though this year only one did not meet eligibility requirements (this person did not have SSSP membership at the time of applying, which is a requirement for eligibility for this award). We also received a duplicate application from one candidate in the online system. We had a budget of \$6000 to distribute among the qualified candidates. Slightly more funded was awarded – committee members agreed – to higher ranking candidates. Four candidates were awarded funding, with the top candidate receiving \$2000, \$1500 for second and third place, and \$1000 for fourth place. The final list of four candidate Preference for funding was given to first-time applicants, and to candidates who presented reasonable budgets (e.g., hotel rates, flight fees).

The committee also agreed that this funding opportunity should be more widely promoted in the future. One option discussed is to obtain a list of members from the qualified territories and/or nations so that they may be proactively sent information about the fund. This aligns with the broader outreach initiatives of the SSSP.

The chair would like to thank Jay Borchert (Chair-Elect) and Junior Hopwood for serving on this year's committee and offering timely and detailed feedback on the applications. The chair would also like to especially thank Michele Koontz for her hard work in organizing the applications, efficiently handling our correspondences and responding to applicant inquiries.

With Sincere Regards,



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