

**Scholarship Committee Report**  
Report to the 2008 Winter Meeting of the Policy Council  
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**Overview**

Since 2005 we have been awarding scholarships to attend the annual conference. These are available to anyone who has had a paper accepted at the conference and made a request. The scholarships waive registration fees and either provide rooms free of charge or provide some cash to help pay for lodging depending on the details of the hotel contracts. For the two Boston conference the Seaport provided free rooms. For Nijmegen we provided a small amount of cash (about 100 Euros). We have offered up to 10 for each conference.

Scholarships are awarded based on a personal statement of need and taking into consideration reviewers comments on the applicants submitted papers, and the papers themselves. Because the process for collecting and organizing this information is quite cumbersome I have been doing all of this myself. On the todo list for the web submission system is something that will work more like the Dana Meadows award applicants review. Once that is in place it would be good to have others helping out, though because of the extremely tight deadline between the acceptance of papers and announcement of Scholarships (just a few days) this will still be tricky to coordinate.

During the 2007 conference we raised, via the silent auction, about \$3500 for these scholarships and that money will be used to make cash payments for lodging, so that we will be able to offer this again in 2008 (5 or 10 people we haven't really worked out the numbers but we don't want to spend everything in one year).