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Bonner Leader Program

***Application Cover Page***

Name: E-mail: Class:

Home Phone: Mobile Phone: Bates ID:

Home Address:

Major (maybe): Have you applied for financial aid?

**Please answer the following questions briefly; please feel free also to expand in your essay.**

Past community service activities:

Leadership positions held:

Community service areas/issues you’re passionate about (e.g. hunger, literacy…):

Experience with activism or political work?

What other activities (besides community service) do you plan to pursue at Bates?

**Completed applications must include:**

* This cover page
* The applicant’s statement (two pages, 12 pt., Times New Roman, double-spaced). Please tell a *specific* story about service that you have done. What did you learn about yourself and/or the wider world as a result of your work? What new knowledge, skills, or values did you gain? What were the benefits of collaborating with others?

**Please send your completed application by 4:30 p.m., Monday, July 20th, to Ellen Alcorn,** [**ealcorn@bates.edu**](mailto:ealcorn@bates.edu)(or, please fax it to 207-786-8282, or mail it to Ellen at: Harward Center, Bates College, 161 Wood St., Lewiston, ME 04240 so that it **arrives** by the deadline).

Please call or email Ellen, (207) 786-8235, ealcorn@bates.edu, with any questions.

For more program details, please see attached sheet.

Applicant signature: Date:

**Bonner Leader Program (BLP)**

The Bonner Leader Program is designed to engage a team of students in community service, work, and learning across their four years here at Bates. Bonner Leaders will be paid ($750 per semester) for their participation in the program; they will have opportunities for orientation, training, development, service, and leadership.

**As a Bonner Leader, you can expect to:**

1. Be part of the Bonner Cohort: Each class will have a Bonner team; all four classes will work together as the larger Bonner Cohort.
2. Get paid: Each first-year Bonner Leader will receive $750 per semester for participating in the program, which means an ongoing commitment to a service site in the community, regular attendance at Bonner meetings, and ongoing reflection about your work. Between community work and on-campus meetings, first-year Bonners can expect to devote about 6 hours per week to the program. Both the stipend and the workload will increase as you continue to participate in the program.
3. Do community work, learning, and/or service every term: Examples include
   1. Volunteer positions (with many organizations!)
   2. Academic community-engaged learning (doing a project with a community organization as part of an academic class)
   3. Community-Engaged Research Fellows (a non-course-based seminar for students doing community-engaged research projects)
   4. Bonner Senior Intern (work with staff to help lead the Bonner Leader Program)
4. Grow as a leader:
   1. Orientation: before classes start, we’ll have a BLP orientation
   2. Training: we’ll have ongoing chances to learn new skills!
   3. Reflection: we’ll talk and think together about what we learn.
   4. Leadership experience: the positions above are amazing!
5. Experience other great opportunities: Bonner Foundation conferences; the national IMPACT conference on student advocacy, activism, and social change; and conferences connected to special projects. You can even lead trips and present at conferences when you’re ready.

We believe your passion and commitment make a difference in the world, and our job is to help you find the best ways to do that. We look forward to this amazing journey together!