

Bonner Leader Program

***Application Cover Page***

Name: E-mail: Class:



Home Phone: Mobile Phone: Bates ID:



Home Address:



Major (maybe):



**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 community work that you have done. What did you learn about yourself, other people, and/or the wider world as a result of your work? What knowledge, skills, or values did you gain or deepen? What role did power and privilege play?

**Please email your completed application by 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 12, to Ellen Alcorn,** [**ealcorn@bates.edu**](mailto:ealcorn@bates.edu)

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 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, community-engaged work, and leadership.

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

1. Be part of the Bonner Cohort: Each class (first years, sophomores, etc.) 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 community site, 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 modestly as you continue to participate in the program.
3. Do community work and learning 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!