



Bonner Scholars Program Application 2004-2005

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Application Procedure

Before applying to the Bonner Scholars Program, complete and return the Application for Admission to Antioch College and the Antioch Financial Aid Application (including FAFSA results, parent and student W2's, and parent and student federal tax returns). Admission and financial aid applications must be submitted to the Antioch College Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

All Bonner Scholars application materials should be sent to the Bonner Scholars Program Coordinator:

Priscilla Janney-Pace
Antioch College Center for Community Learning
795 Livermore Street
Yellow Springs, OH 45387

Submit typed responses to the following questions. Include your name, address, term/year of entry, email address, and phone number at the top of the first page. Please also note if you are entering as a transfer student. Answer all questions fully and return by the March 15th deadline.

1. Briefly describe your experience with service work. Discuss one of these activities in more detail, explaining why you participated, what community need(s) it met, and what you have learned from it.
2. What personal abilities, talents and skills do you bring to service work? In particular, what leadership skills do you have, and in what areas would you need some training and development?
3. Successful Bonner Scholars need to multitask and manage their time during their on-campus terms. Briefly describe your experiences with balancing academics and service while successfully fulfilling both commitments.

Submit two letters of recommendation. Each reference should include his or her name, title, and relationship to you. Please select individuals who know you well and/or have worked with you in a service setting. If you would like to use one or more recommendations from your admission application, please submit additional copy(s). Contact Priscilla Janney-Pace, Bonner Program Coordinator, if you need copies to be made for you.

Deadline and Decisions

The deadline for full consideration of the Bonner Application for 2004-2005 entrants is **March 15, 2004**. Direct questions and extension requests to the Center for Community Learning/Bonner Scholars Office (937.769.1164), or email Priscilla Janney-Pace, Program Coordinator (pjanney@antioch-college.edu). If necessary, fax the application to 937.769.1163.

Decisions will be made by April 1, 2004, with alternates being selected as needed.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Antioch College Bonner Scholars Program?

The Bonner Scholars Program is a national program that seeks to transform the lives of students by providing them with access to education and opportunities to serve. The Bonner Foundation provides four-year community service scholarships to approximately 1500 students on 25 campuses. The scholarship serves those individuals who have high financial need and a commitment to service. The program is designed to heighten the overall education a Bonner Scholar receives by helping students to engage in ongoing service work, and to develop the tools and knowledge necessary to make that work meaningful and lasting. Students at Antioch College have participated in the Bonner Scholars Program since 1991. There are currently forty Bonner Scholars at Antioch, ten in each class.

What are the benefits?

The Bonner Foundation provides financial support, but that is not its primary purpose. Far more important is the opportunity it provides to the students who feel a strong personal commitment to serve the wider community. Bonner scholarship funds are used to minimize students' need to earn money to finance their education so they have time to get involved in community service activities off campus.

Scholars enjoy many benefits:

- \$525 each study semester beyond what a student would earn through the Federal Work-Study Program.
- Access to \$100 per year in funds to support community service projects.
- \$5500 for salary, travel, and living expenses in up to three community service co-ops.
- A \$1600 loan reduction upon graduation.
- Training and retreats over the four-year program to support service work.
- Growth and continuity over four years of college.

Who is eligible and what is expected of Bonner Scholars?

Students who meet the following criteria are eligible to receive the Bonner scholarship:

- Demonstrate financial need (85% of Bonner Scholars must have a parental contribution below \$7500).
- Graduate in the top 2/5ths of their high school class. (Exceptions are made for GEDs and homeschooleds.)
- Demonstrate a commitment to making connections between their service activities and their academic life.
- Bonners enter as first year students, or replace Bonners who leave in the second year.

To maintain the scholarship over four years, Bonner Scholars must meet the following expectations:

- Maintain good academic standing.
- Participate in educational enrichment activities and group meetings.
- Maintain consistent contact with the Bonner office.
- Participate in ten hours of service a week during academic semesters, totaling 140 hours each semester.
- Participate in at least two community service co-ops.

Where do Bonner Scholars serve?

Bonner Scholars do community service within Yellow Springs and surrounding communities while on study terms at Antioch. Scholars have worked with the Antioch Literacy Corps to tutor children, provided day care assistance with the Community Children's Center, assisted homeless families at the Interfaith Hospitality Network, provided companionship to the elderly at the Friends Care Center and to home bound seniors, and researched environmental issues with the Greene Environmental Coalition, and at many other locations.

Antioch Bonner Scholars have also participated in exciting service-related co-ops throughout the world. Bonners have been child care aides at Edgewood Children's Center in San Francisco, advocates for AIDS patients at Rosie's Place in Boston, social workers at the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City; and video producers with Global Vision of New York and the Empowerment Project in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. International co-op service opportunities have included tutoring in Kenya; teaching in Israel; childcare in Northern Ireland; and independent service projects in Cape Verde, West Africa, and Japan.