Recommendation Submission for the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Scholarship at Earlham College

DEADLINE: All applications and recommendations must be received by the Earlham College Bonner Scholars Program office no later than February 15.

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation by an individual applying to the Bonner Scholars Program at Earlham College. You should have received an email with the link to the online form for submitting your recommendation. If you do not have the email, please contact the individual who has asked you to write the recommendation and ask him or her to complete the Recommendation Request Form. A link to the form can be found on the Bonner application information web page. As soon as this form is submitted, an email is automatically sent to the provided recommender’s email address with instructions. If the person applying is sure that your name and email was submitted and that your email was correct but you still have not received instructions via email, you or the applicant should send an email to bonner@earlham.edu. The link to the online recommendation submission form is not publicly posted.

Earlham has a rich history of engaging students in service and social issues. The Bonner Scholars Program is a vehicle by which students continue that legacy and dedicate themselves not only to service but also to making connections between their community experiences and their academic pursuits.

The Bonner Scholars Program offers financial support to students with substantial financial need who want to attend college. The program provides them with an opportunity to engage in community service activities while in school. The Bonner Scholars program is designed to identify worthy and qualified students who need financial assistance, enable students to serve others, provide academic support and enrichment activities to students, and encourage students to earn their college degrees.

Students who take part in the Bonner Scholars Program must be willing and able to make a significant commitment to service and community engagement throughout their college careers. Participants in the four-year Bonner Scholars Program commit to carry out an average of ten hours of service per week during the school year and at least two full-time summers of service and receive a scholarship to help with college expenses. The program provides a structured developmental progression which encourages students to develop leadership ability and expertise which can be applied to their chosen vocational path.

It is important that we learn as much as possible about this candidate’s volunteer service, family responsibilities and/or work experiences. In recommending this individual for the Bonner Scholarship, please address the following: how long you have known the candidate and in what capacity; your understanding of why the candidate wishes to pursue volunteer service; the candidate’s ability to serve others; ways in which the candidate has grown through service and work experiences in the past; how the candidate manages time and prioritizes multiple interests and obligations; the candidate’s potential for and/or demonstrated leadership and any additional observations that you believe would be relevant.

Your letter should include the Bonner Scholar Program applicant’s first and last names. You are strongly encouraged to write and save your letter before accessing the online form and then cutting and pasting the letter into the space provided on the form. The form will also ask for your name and contact information. You will receive an email confirmation that your form has been successfully submitted.

Submission of recommendation letters by mail, email or fax should only occur if there is a barrier that prevents you from using the online form. Please do not submit additional copies of letters by mail, email or fax if your electronic submission is successful.

Thank you for your help. If you have questions, you may contact Bonner program staff by emailing bonner@earlham.edu or by calling 765/983-1893 or toll-free at 800-EARLHAM.