Application Information 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.

Please visit http://www.earlham.edu/bonner to find a link to our online application form. This hand-out is not an official application form. Please use this information to help prepare answers to the questions on the application before beginning to submit an online application.

Contact Information

Name of applicant: ____________________________________________________________
Home address: ______________________________________________________________
High School: ________________________________________________________________
Date of birth: _______________________________________________________________
Email address: ______________________________________________________________
Telephone number(s): ________________________________________________________

Short Answer Questions

Please respond thoughtfully to each of the following questions. They are designed to give you an opportunity to relate the experiences that qualify you to be a Bonner Scholar. Use as much space as you need to answer each question fully and concisely.

1. In prospective Bonner Scholars, we look for committed people who have shown dedication to activities of importance in their lives whether or not they have had the opportunity to participate in service or volunteer activities. Please briefly list the service, family, school, religious, athletic, and/or work responsibilities to which you have been most committed. Specify the activities, positions held/major duties and length/frequency of commitments. If you have had relatively little involvement with service, please explain the responsibilities, circumstances or choices that have contributed to this.

2. Describe in detail one service, family or work activity listed in Question 1 to which you’ve felt most committed. How is/was it meaningful to you?

3. Bonner Scholars value diversity of all kinds in their program and their service work. Please describe an experience you have had that has made you more aware of the diversity in our world. What makes this particular experience important, and what did you learn from it?

4. The Bonner Scholars Program is founded on the belief that students can change the world through service. Describe a problem or issue that you feel is particularly urgent in your community and/or in today’s society at large, and explain why you chose this issue or problem.

5. How do you personally define service? What are your primary motivations for doing service and for being a Bonner Scholar?

6. We receive numerous applications for the 15 Bonner Scholar positions in each Earlham class. What will you bring or contribute to the Earlham College Bonner Scholar community and to your community service activity?
7. How do you think being a Bonner Scholar will contribute to your college experience and connect with your academics and/or life outside of classes?

8. Describe a challenge or issue you have faced that exemplifies how you handle conflict/dispute (for example, in school, a place of service, workplace, team or group).

Submission of applications 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 by mail, email or fax if your electronic submission is successful.

If you or your reference person must submit materials by mail, please send them to:
Earlham College Bonner Scholars Program
801 National Road West
Drawer 86
Richmond IN 47374 4095

If you or your reference person cannot complete the online forms, materials may also be emailed to bonner@earlham.edu or faxed to 765/973-2656. Email submissions should be sent as attachments in Microsoft Word (.doc), Rich Text Format (.rtf) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format.