

**Recommendation Request  
The Corella and Bertram F.  
Bonner Scholarship  
at Earlham College**



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**DEADLINE: All applications and recommendations must be received by the Earlham College Bonner Scholars Program office no later than February 1.**

You have been asked to write a letter of recommendation by an individual applying to the Bonner Scholars Program at Earlham College. Earlham has a rich history of engaging students in service and social issues. The Bonner Scholars Program is a vehicle allowing students to dedicate themselves not only to service, but to making connections between community experiences and academic pursuits.

### **About the Bonner Program**

The Bonner Scholars Program offers financial support to students who want to attend college, but require substantial financial need. 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. The program provides a structured developmental progression to encourage students to develop leadership ability and expertise that can be applied to a chosen vocational path.

A student who takes part in the Bonner Scholars Program must be willing and able to make a significant commitment to service and community engagement throughout their college career. Bonner Scholars commit to carry out an average of ten hours of service per week during the school year for four years, perform at least two full-time summers of service, and participate in trainings and meetings as required. In return, students receive a scholarship and additional financial aid to help with college expenses.

### **The Recommendation Form**

A link to the Recommendation Request 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 you do not have not received an email, please contact the person who is asking for the recommendation to verify the form has been submitted.

If the person applying has submitted a form, you or the applicant should send an email to [bonner@earlham.edu](mailto:bonner@earlham.edu) for further help, as the link to the online recommendation submission form is not publicly posted.

## Recommendation Instructions

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
- Different ways that 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
- Any additional observations that you believe would be relevant

Your letter should include the applicant's first and last names. You are strongly encouraged to write and save your letter in a word processing program, like Word or Pages, before accessing the online form. Once you have completed the form, you will receive an email confirmation that your letter has been successfully submitted.

If you have questions, you may contact Bonner program staff by emailing [bonner@earlham.edu](mailto:bonner@earlham.edu) or by calling 765/983-1893 or toll-free at 800-EARLHAM.

***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.***